



select:
to choose carefully

Mars Rover Model Celebration – Lesson Plan

Introduction:

One of the new vocabulary words for this unit is **select**. Select means “to choose carefully”. People often select something or someone after they think carefully about which is the best among several choices, people or ideas. Other words we use for select are choose and pick.

Let’s look at some pictures that will help us understand the word select. Here, a family is in a restaurant. They have already selected their drinks and will soon be ordering dinner. The family will use the restaurant’s menu to select what they want to eat. The menu is a list of all the foods the restaurant serves. Each member of the family will look at the choices on the menu and then select or choose what they think will be best for them to eat.

Example:

Here is another example of when you might use the word select. When you go out to recess, you might decide to play a team sport like soccer, kickball or baseball. Sometimes, you might get to be the team captain and select the players who will be on your team. As captain, you will think carefully about which players can help your team win because they are the best at the sport you are playing. Then you would select those players to be on your team.

Reflection:

I am going to tell you the names of some items. If you can use the object to “select” something, put your thumb up and say SELECT. I will then ask you what you can select with the object. If you wouldn’t use the object to select, put your thumb down and stay silent.

- TV remote (thumbs up—select a channel)
- Ticket counter at a movie theater (thumbs up—select a movie)
- Rain* (thumbs down)
- Our school principal* (thumbs down)

**Although in most cases these answers will be thumbs down, if students suggest creative ways in which they could make selections from the rain or a school principal, be open to their suggestions.*

Make it personal:

Think about something that you recently selected. Why did you select it? Did you think carefully before you made your choice? Then share your thoughts with a neighbor. Begin your sharing with: “I selected _____ because...” I will call on some of you to share your sentences with select.