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for a public performance

## Mars Rover Model Celebration – Lesson Plan

### Introduction:

One of the new vocabulary words for this unit is **rehearse**. Rehearse means to practice something, like a play or concert, for a public performance. The word rehearse comes from the old French word “rehercier” (ray-hurs-ee-ay) which means to go over again. This is very close to the meaning of rehearse in English. In both French and English, the prefix “re” means again, which gives you another clue as to the meaning. As you can see, knowing word parts can help you figure out the meanings of new words you encounter as you read.

Let’s look at some pictures that will help us understand the meaning of the word “rehearse”. In the first picture, the boy is rehearsing on the violin. He is practicing for a performance that he will give in the evening. He wants his performance to be perfect, so he rehearses the music that he will play. The other picture shows two children in costumes. They are in a school play. Each day they rehearse the lines they will say when they perform the play in public. They practice again and again so that they will not make any mistakes during their performance.

Even though athletes practice just like musicians and actors, the word rehearse is not usually used in sports. Practice is the best word to use when you talk about sports.

### Example:

Suppose that you wanted to spend the night at your friend’s house and that your friend’s mom said it would be okay if your parents agreed. You know that when you’ve asked before, your mom has always said no. However, this time you have a plan. You have thought out all of the reasons why your mom should say yes. Before you go and ask her, you rehearse what you will say to your mom so you say it perfectly. You rehearse many times so everything you say comes out just right.

### Reflection:

Think about the following sentences. If it is something you would want to rehearse, put your thumbs up and say REHEARSE. If what I say is not something you would need to rehearse, put your thumbs down and remain silent.

- Eating out at a restaurant (thumbs down)
- Making the morning announcements for the whole school (thumbs up)
- How to do a dance routine for a festival (thumbs up)
- Taking your dog for a walk in the park (thumbs down)

### Make it personal:

Think about a time when you rehearsed something for a performance. When you are ready, share your story with a neighbor. Tell them what you were practicing and why you were rehearsing. Be sure to start your story with, “I had to rehearse \_\_\_\_\_ because...” I will then ask some of you to share your stories with the class.