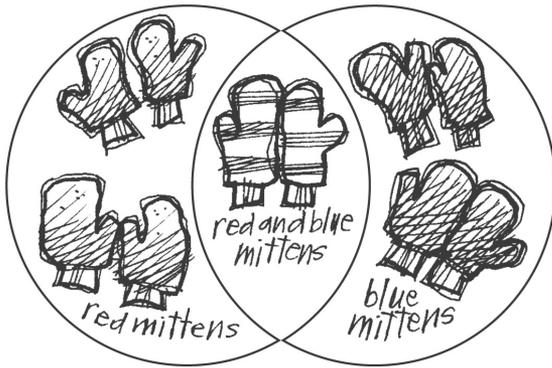
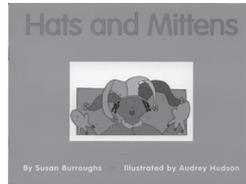


HATS AND MITTENS

By – Susan Burroughs
 Illustrations by – Audrey Hudson
 Set 2 – 72 words

Building Anticipation – Setting the Context

Ask the children to get their hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens from the cloakroom. Sort the articles of clothing into sets by type. Then ask the children to sort the articles in a different way (e.g., by color, type of hat, what they are made of, etc.) Create a Venn diagram that compares the various articles.



Introduce the book and guide the children through a book-walk. Before they start reading, focus the children’s attention on strategies they can use when they come to an unknown word.

Discussion – Book Talk

What reading strategy did you use when you came to an unknown word?

All the children in the story are wearing hats and mittens. What time of year do you think it is? Do you wear mittens or gloves? Which do you prefer? Why?

Creative Response – Independent Practice

Children can:

- draw and color winter clothing, then draw themselves and finish the sentence on the reproducible master.
- make and color paper mittens, then sort them into sets by color. Use them to count by twos. Challenge another child to classify the mittens using a Venn diagram.
- make a paper doll and create winter clothing for it. Make a snowsuit, scarf, hat, boots, and mittens.
- draw a picture and write a story about playing in the snow.

Read-Aloud Connection

The Mitten by Jan Brett. G.P. Putnam’s Sons, 1989.

- As a man walks through the forest on a snowy day, he drops one of his mittens. Soon, a variety of animals make it their home.

Learning About Language - Focused Teaching		
High Frequency Words	My, and, are	Practice writing these words on an erasable board.
Letters and Letter Clusters	<i>M</i> — My <i>m</i> — mittens, my	Write the letter <i>m</i> in the air with a finger while saying the sound. Brainstorm to create a list of words that begin with <i>m</i> .
Rhymes and Word Families	so, go, no my, by, fly, shy, sky	Write the word family “so,” “go,” “no” on an erasable board.
Word Endings	<i>s</i> — mittens, hands	Look in the book to locate words ending in <i>s</i> .

