Georgia Performance Standards Framework for ELA Unit 1 – 6th Grade

Grade: 6  
Topic: Dialogue Tags/Synonyms for Said  
Instructional unit: Narratives  
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The task:  
The students will work in groups to analyze the dialogue tags in a model personal narrative and chart word(s) used to credit the conversation. (Examples: said Joe, roared Matthew, replied Sam.) Students will share findings with the whole group. The class’s responses will be combined onto a classroom chart and entered into student’s notes or journals. Using their in-progress personal narratives and word bank, students will highlight dialogue tags and evaluate/analyze word choice, replacing vague tags with a more vivid choice from the tag word bank. Student work should show evidence of revision.

Differentiation:

Request that students highlight the word “said” and replace with options from the shortened list.

Provide students with a shortened list of alternative words to use in their paper to replace the word ‘said’.

Focus Standard:

ELA6R1 The student demonstrates comprehension and shows evidence of a warranted and responsible explanation of a variety of literary and informational texts.  
b. Identifies and analyzes the author’s use of dialogue and description.

ELA6W2 The student demonstrates competence in a variety of genres.  
d. Uses a range of strategies (e.g., suspense, figurative language, dialogue, expanded vocabulary, movement, gestures, expressions).

ELA6W4 The student consistently uses the writing process to develop, revise, and evaluate writing.  
The student  
a. Plans and drafts independently and resourcefully.  
b. Revises manuscripts to improve the organization and consistency of ideas within and between paragraphs.  
c. Edits to correct errors in spelling, punctuation, etc.

Circumstances of the assignment/Notes to the Teachers:  
The teacher will need to provide a collection of short narratives, chart paper, and markers.

See the attachment for synonyms for ‘said.’
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Synonyms for Said

- accused
- acknowledged
- added
- admitted
- advised
- agreed
- announced
- answered
- asked
- babbled
- began
- blurted
- boasted
- boomed
- bragged
- cackled
- cautioned
- chanted
- chattered
- cheered
- chuckled
- coaxed
- confided
- cried
- declared
- demanded
- discussed
- echoed
- exaggerated
- exploded
- fumed
- gagged
- groaned
- growled
- grumbled
- grunted
- gurgled
- hissed
- hinted
- howled
- inquired