

Scattergories

Scattergories is a long-time favorite for many teachers. If you have never used this game in the classroom it is really easy to use and requires almost no preparation time.

This activity can be done in groups or students can work alone.

First, choose a topic and a letter of the alphabet. Students have to write down words related to the topic that begin with the chosen letter.

Example | Topic: Things we can drink. | Letter: S

1. soup
2. soda
3. ...

The student or group that has the most words wins the round. You can also give points per word or points per letters. For example, a three letter word is worth 3 points, a four letter word is worth 4 points and so on.

Another variation is only give points for words that are not listed by more than one student. Using the example above, if one student lists 'soup', that student gets the points for that word. However if more than one student has 'soup' in their list nobody gets points for 'soup'.

Level Up: In small groups, have students compile lists of things and/or people with a common theme. Some examples are: what people wear, hear, eat, read, play; what things open, close; descriptions of parents, teachers, siblings; which television shows/movies they like or dislike. Students then must compose a sentence or ask a question using their list. The team with the most correct sentences wins.