



Dictionary Fun for the Classroom

Teacher-led activities using a dictionary

Word Prompts

1. The teacher explains to the students that adjectives are words that describe things, and asks the students what adjectives they would use to describe a bald eagle.
2. The students look up the adjectives in a dictionary.
3. The teacher asks the students what other things could be described using those adjectives.
4. The students write sentences using some of the adjectives they looked up.



Story Time

1. Working in pairs or groups of three or four, students choose example sentences from the dictionary and use the sentences to make up a story or dialogue.
2. Students read their stories aloud or act out their dialogues for the class.

Alphabet Scramble

1. The teacher presents a list of words that are out of alphabetical order.
2. The students copy the words in the list, placing them in alphabetical order, and use their dictionaries to check their answers.

The Dictionary Game

1. The teacher chooses a word that would be hard for students to define. For example, *pandemonium*.
2. The teacher says the word and spells it for the students.
3. Each student (or group of students) writes a made-up definition.
4. The teacher writes the real definition.
5. The teacher reads all the definitions aloud.
6. Students vote for the correct definition.
7. Students get points if:
 - (a) someone votes for their definition, or
 - (b) they vote for the correct definition.
8. The student with the most points wins!

Silly Sentences

1. Students open the dictionary to a random page and make a sentence including three words that they find.
2. Each student shares their sentence with the class or another student.
3. Students vote for the silliest sentence.

Acrostic Name Poem

1. Students write their names vertically with each letter on its own line.
2. Students think of adjectives that describe themselves and that start with the letters in their names.
3. Students write the adjectives next to the letters in their names to form poems all about them!

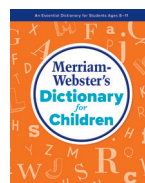
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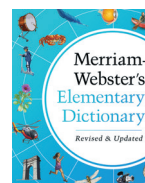
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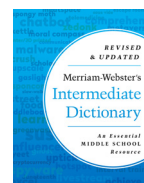


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