



PERSONIFICATION RACES

Setting up the game:

1. For smaller groups (up to 8), divide the board into 4 sections. Assign a pair to each section.
2. For larger groups, divide the group into pairs. Give each pair a small white board, dry erase marker and a sock to serve as an eraser.
3. If it's a group of mixed ages and abilities, pair the students older with younger. Older students take a turn together. Then, the younger students take a turn.

Now to play!

4. Call out a noun that is a thing and write it on the whiteboard.
5. The students race to write a personification statement. In the sentence, the noun has to do a human action.

Here's a list of words and sample sentences:

Sun: The sun fell asleep.

Snow: Snow hugged the mountain tops.

Grass: The grass cringed every time a shoe stepped on it.

Here are more words you can use:

Leaves, wind, rain, sand, cacti, clouds, sky, moon, flowers, water, mountains, lighthouse, Grand Canyon, stop sign, pumpkin pie, race car

6. In order to earn a point, the sentences have to have a capital letter, spacing, correct spelling and a period at the end.
7. Once they've completed their sentence, they don't say anything. They just hold up their white board.
8. Look at it. If there is one mistake, hold up 1 finger. If there are 2 mistakes, 2 fingers, 3 mistakes, 3 fingers, 4 mistakes, 4 fingers. If there are no mistakes, give them a thumbs up and they tally a point.
9. If they have a mistake, they continue to correct the sentence until you give them a thumbs up.
10. Students who get a thumbs up right away can continue to write more sentences, earning more points while they wait for every student to finish their one sentence.
11. Once each pair has correctly written the sentence, move onto the next turn.
12. Continue play until your allotted time runs out!