



Dance at Grandpa's
by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Sentences (from the book) to Scramble

Here's a quick and easy way to focus on sentence structure, vocabulary and spelling!

1. On a whiteboard, chalkboard, Smart board or even a piece of paper, write one of the following sentences in scrambled fashion. Be sure to capitalize the first letter of the first word and include any punctuation.
2. Students write the words in order to make a complete, correct sentence. In order to earn a point, the sentence has to have a Capital letter, spacing, correct spelling and punctuation.
3. Once they've completed their sentence, they don't say anything. They just show their sentence. 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. They continue to correct the sentence.
4. If/When there are no mistakes, give a thumbs up and they tally a point.

(Beginner to Advanced)

The air was cold.

Pa packed his fiddle.

It was time for dinner.

The house smelled good.

How sour the pickles were!

They combed their long hair.

People began to come to the party.

Grandma stood at the door smiling.

When Laura woke up, it was morning.

A little girl lived in a house made of logs.

One winter morning, everyone got up early.

Then Pa took out his fiddle and began to play.

The horses pranced and the sleigh bells rang merrily.

There were sweet and spicy smells coming from the kitchen.

Ma was the most beautiful of all in her green ruffled dress.

The big room was filled with tall boots and swishing skirts.

The hickory logs were burning with bright, clear flames in the fireplace.

The long table was loaded with pumpkin pies, dried berry pies and cookies.

Common Core Standards that can be addressed in this game include:
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.K.2, L.K.2.A, L.1.2, L.1.2.B, L.2.2, L.3.2, L.4.2, L.4.2.A and L.5.2