



QUESTION WORDS

1-2-3

How to spell question words is hard for children to remember. Here's a quick game to practice them.

Setting up the game:

1. You need one magnetic spinner.
2. Have the students brainstorm a list of words that can start questions. Write these words in two columns on the white board. One column of words is on the far left edge of the board, the second column is on the far right edge of the board.

Who
What
When
Where
Why
How
Etc.

Can
Do
Will
Are
Is
Does
etc.

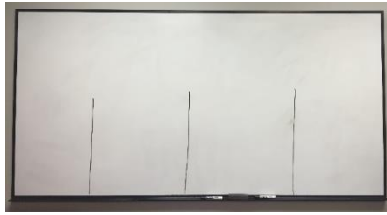
3. Who, what, when, where, why and how are the most obvious and are typically spoken first. Point out that words like Are, Is, Do, Can, Should, Shouldn't etc. can also start question sentences.

Work together to come up with a long list.

4. Draw a circle in the middle of the whiteboard and divide it into 8 sections and number the sections 3-10.



5. For smaller groups (up to 8) divide the large whiteboard into 4 sections. Assign a pair to each section.



6. 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.



Now, how to play!

7. One student spins a number.
8. Then, one partner from each pair has to list that many question words.
9. Once they've completed their list, students don't say anything. They just hold up their white board so you can see it.



10. Check to make sure each word is spelled correctly (since they're up there on the whiteboard for them to see!)
11. If you see one word that is not, hold up 1 finger, two words, 2 fingers, etc.
12. The student then goes back and fixes any mistakes.
13. If (or when) all the words are spelled correctly, give a thumbs up and the child puts a tally on his/her board for each word that he/she has written correctly.
14. Continue play until everyone has had a turn to spin or your allotted time has run out!

NOTE: This game can address the following Common Core Standard:
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