



EXCLAMATIONS 4-11 WORDS

This is a great game that goes well with comic or persuasive writing.

Setting up the game:

1. You will need one magnetic spinner.
2. Draw a circle on the white board.
3. Divide the circle into 8 sections and number the sections 4-11.

If you're working with younger writers use a circle numbered 3-6.



OR



4. For smaller groups (up to 8) you can divide a large whiteboard into 4 sections. A pair is assigned to each section.



5. For larger groups, or if you don't have a Classroom whiteboard, you can divide the group into pairs and give each pair a small white board, dry erase marker and a sock to serve as an eraser.



Now to play!

6. One student spins. One partner in each pair takes a turn writing an exclamation (#4 means 4 words in the exclamation)
The exclamation can be about anything or a topic you're focusing on.



7. In order to earn a point, the exclamation has to have the correct number of words, a Capital letter, spacing, correct spelling and an exclamation point. Once they've completed their exclamation, they don't say anything. They just hold up their white board.



8. Look at the exclamation. 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 exclamation until you give them a thumbs up. Writers who get a thumbs up right away can continue writing new exclamations, earning more points, until all writers have completed their one exclamation.
10. Once each pair has correctly written an exclamation, move onto the next turn.
11. Play until you've used all 8 numbers or until the time allotted runs out!

NOTE: This game can address the following Common Core State Standards:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.K.1, L.K.1.E, L.K.1.F, L.K.2, L.K.2.A, L.K.2.B, L.1.1, L.1.1.D, L.1.1.G, L.1.1.H, L.1.1.I, L.1.1.J, L.1.2, L.1.2.B, L.1.2.D, L.2.1, L.2.1.B, L.2.1.D, L.2.1.F, L.2.2, L.2.2.C, L.3.1, L.3.1.I, L.3.2, L.3.2.F, L.4.1, L.4.1.E, L.4.1.F, L.4.1.G, L.4.2, L.4.2.A, L.5.1, L.5.2, RF.K.1.C, RF.1.1.A