



How Many Words?

This game is a classic. It's SO easy to play. All you need is a piece of paper and something to write with.

Setting up the game:

1. Choose a LONG word or topic that relates with whatever your students are learning. Here are some ideas:

THANKSGIVING
WATERMELON
ROLLER COASTER

NORTH AMERICA
BASKETBALL
MULTIPLICATION

PERSONIFICATION
MEDIEVAL TIMES
PUMPKIN PATCH

2. Have the students write the word in capital letters at the top of a piece of paper.



3. Explain to the students that they are going to use the letters in the word to write shorter words.



4. It's important to clarify to the students that they can only use the number of letters available. For example, in the word THANKSGIVING, there is only one K. Students can only use one K in any word that they write.
5. Decide how much time you want the students to have. Set the timer.

Now to play:

6. Students write as many words as they can in the allotted time.

Note: This game can address the following Common Core State Standards:
CCSS.ELA.LITERACY.L.1.2.D, L.3.2.F, RF.K.3.C, RF.1.3.G, RF.2.3.F and RF.3.3.D