

Race to Write 12

Cooperative Learning
and Creative Thinking



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Race to Write 12 is a fun activity to use when you have a few minutes of extra time and want to stimulate creative thinking and foster collaboration. Students in teams work together to write 12 items on a given topic and complete the task before the other teams in the class.

Teacher Directions

1. Print one set of Topic Cards for the class and cut them apart. Eliminate any cards that you don't want to use and create your own replacements using the blank Topic Cards template.
2. Seat students in teams of three or four so that students are facing each other. Each team will need one sheet of paper and one pencil.
3. Designate one person on each team to number the paper in one column from 1 to 12.
4. Shuffle the Topic Cards and draw one out.
5. Read the topic as a question, "Can you write 12 _____?"
6. When you say "Begin," the first student writes the first response and passes the paper to the left. The next student writes one response and passes again. They keep passing and writing until they have 12 responses.
7. Students may whisper responses to help each other if team members can't think of something to write, but no one may skip a turn or write for someone else. Spelling doesn't count.
8. When a team has 12 items on their list, they all raise their hands. The others should keep working while you check the first team's list for accuracy. If all 12 responses are acceptable, that team wins the Topic Card. If the team has an incorrect response, they are eliminated from that round of the game and can't win that topic card later.
9. When you have a winning team for that round, all teams stop working on that topic. The person who has the paper draws a line under the list and numbers the paper again from 1 to 12.
10. Draw out a new card and repeat steps 4 through 8.
11. When you run out of time to play the game, the winner team is the one that has collected the most Topic Cards.

Race to Write 12 Topic Cards

Write 12
cities

Write 12
sports

Write 12
fruits

Write 12
animals

Write 12
ice cream flavors

Write 12
authors

Write 12
holidays

Write 12
weather words

Write 12
famous people

Write 12
synonyms for said

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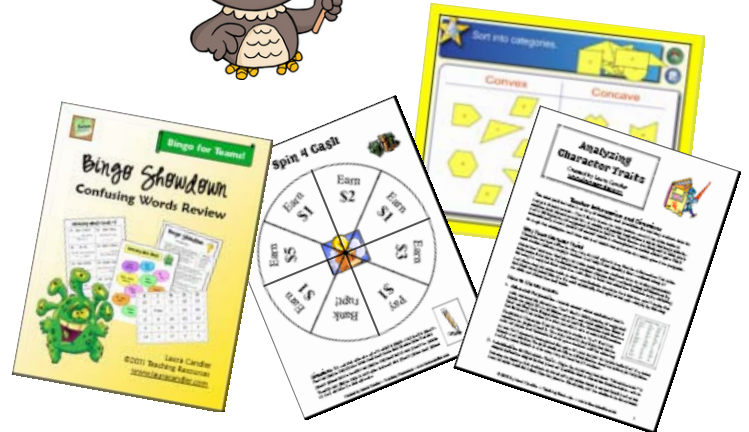
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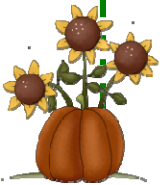
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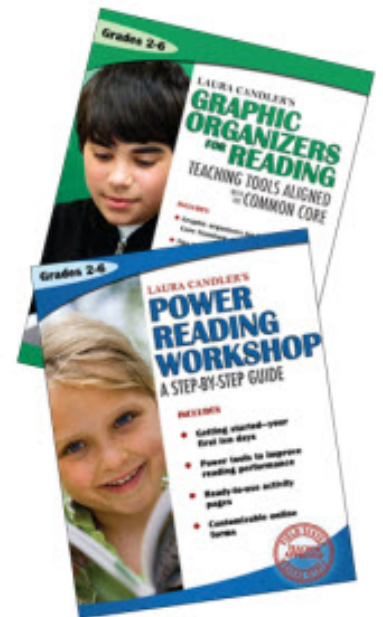
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