

Blufferama

Divide the class into two teams, Team A and Team B.

Have the students move their desks so that the two teams face each other.

Ask each student to write 5 good "who, what, where, when and why" questions and answers to the questions.

Collect all the students' work.

Explain the rules of the game:

1. The teacher reads one of the questions on the first paper in the stack.
2. Team A must answer the question. Any team A student who knows the answer or wants to "bluff" (to pretend he or she knows) stands up. No talking allowed!
3. The first student of Team B chooses one of Team A's standing members to answer the question.
4. If the answer is correct, then Team A gets as many points as there are people standing. If the answer is incorrect, then Team B gets the points for the number of people standing.
5. The teacher now reads a question from the next paper in the stack to Team B, which is responsible for answering.
6. Team B students who know the answer or want to "bluff" stand up. No talking allowed!
7. The first student in Team A gets to choose a standing member of Team B to answer.
8. If the answer is correct, then Team B gets as many points as there are people standing. If the answer is incorrect, then Team A gets the points for the number of people standing.

Repeat this process until the allotted time runs out.

Do not allow any talking among the answering team once the question has been read. (Very often, teams will try to cheat and tell one another the answer while they're standing up.) The team that is choosing an opposing team member to answer the question can talk while deciding which of the standing students will answer.

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