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FREE LANGUAGE-BASED TEACHING STRATEGIES

Tic-Tac-Toe

This versatile strategy based on the common logic game can be used to help students hone their spelling, reading, and/or vocabulary skills

Materials needed:

1. Dice
2. Tic-Tac-Toe board
3. Reading, spelling, or vocabulary lists

Setup:

1. Fill the board with target words
 - a. To practice reading, fill the 9 square board with target words
 - b. For spelling, fill the 9 square board with target words and cover squares to test spelling
 - c. Boards could be filled with a combination of both covered and uncovered squares
2. Define the directions for all 6 numbers on the dice. Possible directions:
 - a. Syllabicate and read the word
 - b. Spell the word
 - c. Identify the root of the word
 - d. Identify the prefix of the word
 - e. Define the word
 - f. Use the word in a sentence

Directions

1. Students work in pairs or in teams (one team is the X and the other team is the O)
2. Teams decide space they want to win
3. Teams roll the dice to determine task
4. Tasks correctly answered win squares on the board
5. To win-- three Xs in a row or three Os in a row



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