

Alphabet Brainstorming

Purpose: This strategy can be used to pre-assess or activate students' prior knowledge. It can also be used to check for students' understanding of tier 3 vocabulary.

Procedure:

1. Supply students with the black line master in the Appendix.
2. Give students 2 minutes to fill in the boxes with terms beginning with each letter of the alphabet. Terms should be related to the topic about to be studied such as fractions, equations, functions, etc.
3. Students then turn to a partner and share their terms.
4. Follow with a whole group discussion of the different terms.

Differentiates Instruction	Yes/No	Content	Process	Product	Affective Filter	Preparation	G.R.R. Stage
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Yes	x		x		Low	Low	Individual
No							

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A	B	C	D
E	F	G	H
I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P
Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X
Y	Z		