

WHACK

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Grades: K-adult

Subject: Any Subject

Group: 8+

Materials: large white board (or other large board for displaying the game board), 2 fly swatters (optional: cut out to look like hands) and a wipe-off marker



Procedure:

1. Draw 2 vertical lines and 2 horizontal lines on the board, evenly spaced so that there is a 3 X 3 grid. Write 9 answers on the board, one in each square on the grid.
2. Divide the students into 2 teams.
3. Choose one person from each team to stand by the board, one on each side of the board, holding a fly swatter, and facing the class with backs to the board.
4. Call out a question. Players quickly turn around and whack the answer, keeping the fly swatter on the answer. The first square hit is the final answer; no switching answers.
5. The player who whacks the correct answer first earns 1 point for his or her team.
6. Both players return to their teams and hand the fly swatter to a different player to continue the game.
7. Play continues until all the questions have been asked (although it is also fine to repeat questions for extra review) or when a pre-determined amount of time has elapsed. The team with the most points at the end wins the game.



Modifications:

- Make the answer grid on a PowerPoint slide and use a projector to show it instead of writing it on the board.
- Remind all students to think of the answers in their heads, even when it is not their turn, to help them review and in case the question is repeated when it is their turn.
- Be sure that all students who want a turn get a turn.
- Play with less than 9 squares on the answer grid when necessary (example: renewable, nonrenewable, inexhaustible resources)

Suggested Topics for Play:

- Target letters of the alphabet: What letter is the letter K? What letter makes the sound /sss/?
- Math computations: What is $2 + 2$? What is 8×2 ? What is 4×4 ?
- Vocabulary words: What word means...
- Any topic with answers that can be sorted into groups