



BEARS SEPTEMBER STRATEGY TIP

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HEXAGONAL THINKING

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Are you in search of a discussion strategy that can save you from the creaking silence of a class full of non-talkers? Look no further.

What is it?

Concepts are placed on hexagons, and then moved around to build a web of connected ideas.

The most interesting part comes in the debate about where to connect what, and why.

Students can build hexagonal webs in groups or alone. No two webs will ever look the same, and neither will the explanations of the connections students have made, whether given in writing or aloud.

Options on How to use Hex Thinking

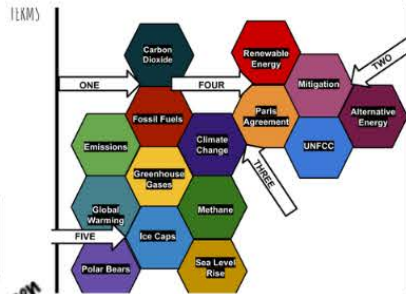
- A. Distribute blank hexagons to students. Students write one key word they learned during the unit in one hexagon (and cut out the hexagons, if you didn't pre-cut them). Students work together to connect all the hexagons they made. One student sets the hexagon in the middle of the group and describes the word. Then, continuing until every student has included his/her hexagon, students place their own hexagons adjacent to hexagons that have already been put down. Students must identify how the vocabulary words connect to all the adjacent hexagons when they put their own hexagons down.
- B. Prepare hexagons in advance by writing one vocabulary word on each one and cut them out. Students collaborate to connect all the hexagons, making connections between each word and every adjacent hexagon.
- C. You can modify this activity by using pictures, or by adhering the vocabulary to actual hexagon manipulatives.



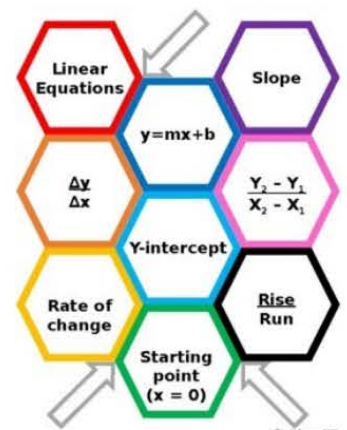
Examples



English



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Math

