

12. Ex the X

“An ABC version of the card game Old Maid”

Number of Players: Four or five
Additional Materials: None



To Get Ready

Arrange students into groups of four or five.

Each group should have one deck.

From this students select out both upper and lower-case letters from *A - M* and one upper-case *X*.

The cards should then be shuffled thoroughly and dealt out to all the students in the group.

To Play

Students pick up and fan out their cards, being careful not to show them to any of the other players.

Any matching upper-case - lower-case pairs are discarded.

Students then in turn take one card from the player on their left. Again any matching upper-case - lower-case pairs are discarded, and so on.

The first student to discard all of his or her cards is the winner.

Play continues until only one student is left with the *X*.

Variations

Two sets of upper-case letter cards can be used in place of the upper-case - lower-case pairs. This makes **Ex the X** an activity that can be played with students just learning their letters.

Can be played with any combination of cards, not just *A - M*.



27. ABC Bingo!

“Sure to get the class involved“

Number of Players: Two or more
Additional Materials: None



To Get Ready

The teacher or a student caller should have a thoroughly shuffled deck of lower-case letters (a half deck less the red y, and the x). This should be placed face-down on the playing surface.

Each student lays out twenty-five upper-case cards (a half-deck less the red Y and the X), face up in a 5 x 5 square.

To Play

The teacher or student caller turns over the top card of the deck and calls out a word beginning with the turned over letter. This is repeated until one or more students obtain a BINGO.

Students turn over the starting letter they think they heard. Students obtaining five turned over cards in a row should call out "Bingo". These five cards can then be checked against the teacher or caller's pile of turned-over cards.

Variations

Have all the students turn over their middle card at the start of the game. In other words, make this a free space.

Use this game to practice end letter discrimination.

With lower level students or when not so much time is available have students place cards in either 3 x 3 or 4 x 4 arrays.

With lower level students, the teacher or student caller might just say the sound of the letter drawn.

Letter Recognition Bingo

Two Line Bingo, Three Line Bingo, L-Shaped Bingo and so on.

