

Enrichment Strategy: Defining Activity

“Flag Me!”

Capitonyms - The Importance of Capitalization

This offline enrichment strategy helps students understand the difference that a capitalized letter can have on meaning. This activity is best completed after students have had a chance to play the online Featured Games for Capitonyms.

Goal: To ensure students understand the importance of proper capitalization and its effect on word meaning.

What You'll Need:

- Printer & copier
- Answer cards template (3 sets)
- Question sheet for teacher or group leader
- Scissors
- Small popsicle sticks
- Glue

What To Do:

1. Print the three answer cards templates on regular copy paper.
2. Cut out the 36 answer cards and glue each card to one end of a popsicle stick (like a flag).
3. Randomly distribute flags equally among the teams.
4. Read the directions aloud.

Directions:

- I will ask a question and each team must decide whether one of their flags is the answer.
- Each team will take a turn answering. You should discuss your chosen answer with your teammates before holding up the flag. Once you hold a flag up in the air, it is considered your final answer.
- Each correct answer earns your team a point.
- Each team should now choose a captain who will hold up the answer flag.

Flag Me! Capitonyms (Card Set 1)

Cut out the answer cards on this template and glue them to sticks to make "flags."

queens

Queens

May

March

Mohawk

may

Earth

earth

march

mohawk

turkey

Turkey

Flag Me! Capitonyms (Card Set 2)

Cut out the answer cards on this template and glue them to sticks to make "flags."

Patriots

Mercury

Titanic

phoenix

Phoenix

titanic

mercury

pentagon

patriots

Pentagon

mobile

Mobile

Flag Me! Capitonyms (Card Set 3)

Cut out the answer cards on this template and glue them to sticks to make "flags."

Jodhpur

Orient

jodhpur

orient

gasconade

platonic

saskatoon

Gasconade

manila

Manila

Platonic

Saskatoon

Capitonyms Question Sheet

Teacher, ask teams these questions:

Question	Answer
Who has the name of a country?	Turkey
Who has the name of a hairstyle?	mohawk
Who has an action like walking but more rigid?	march
Who has soil or dirt in the ground?	earth
Who has the name of our planet?	Earth
Who has the female royals?	queens
Who has a polite start to a question?	may
Who has a Native American Nation?	Mohawk
Who has the month in which spring begins?	March
Who has a borough in New York City?	Queens
Who has a month in late spring?	May
Who has a bird often served on holidays?	turkey
Who has the name of the planet closest to the sun?	Mercury
Who has the name of a famous ocean liner?	Titanic
Who has the name of a mythological bird?	phoenix
Who has the name of a football team?	Patriots
Who has an adjective meaning massive?	titanic
Who has a metal used in thermometers?	mercury
Who has a word that describes people who love their country?	patriots
Who has the name of a city in Arizona?	Phoenix
Who has a shape with five sides?	pentagon
Who has a city in Alabama?	Mobile
Who has a word that means <i>can be moved</i> ?	mobile
Who has a government building in Washington, D.C.?	Pentagon

Capitonyms Question Sheet - *cont'd*

Question	Answer
Who has a city in India?	Jodhpur
Who has a term that describes Asia or the East?	Orient
Who has pants you wear for horseback riding?	jodhpur
Who has a city in the Phillipines?	Manila
Who has a word that means <i>boasting</i> ?	gasconade
Who has a word that means <i>not romantic</i> ?	platonic
Who has a type of berry?	saskatoon
Who has a river in Missouri?	Gasconade
Who has a type of strong paper, often used for envelopes?	manila
Who has a verb that means to face a certain direction?	orient
Who has a word that refers to the Greek philosopher Plato?	Platonic
Who has a city in Canada?	Saskatoon