

10 Reasons to use Games in the Classroom

Reason #1: Games are Fun with a Purpose

Games create a cognitive engagement between the learner and the topic in a flowing, smiling environment. Games celebrate your topic and reward individual and group achievement. Games bring fun and energy into a buoyant learning zone, but with the focus on learning.

Reason #2: Games Provide Feedback to the Learner

Learners want and need feedback on their performance. Games give them immediate feedback on the quality of their input — their successes and their errors. With the appropriate corrective feedback, this can become an invaluable learning opportunity.

Reason #3: Games Provide Feedback to the Trainer

Games provide a practice field where learners interact with the topic, demonstrating their knowledge and ability to apply the information. By observing this real-time demonstration, the trainer can adjust the subsequent level of lecture, readings and interventions, accordingly.

Reason #4: Games are Experiential

Today's learner needs to do and to try things on her own. Games provide an environment that transforms the passive student into an active part of the learning process where she can connect her own dots and experience her own ideas. Games also remind both player and teacher that energy in the classroom is a good thing.

Reason #5: Games Motivate Learners

Games engage players and then motivate them to interact with the topic. This interaction drives players to demonstrate their understanding of the topic in a friendly contest where successes are memorable moments of shared triumph and celebration and where mistakes mean only that the learner is being stretched to his or her own limits.

Reason #6: Games Improve Team Work

Games are real-time activities that bring players into teams, demonstrate the rules and roles of working together as a team, and underscore the value of team collaboration. Games give your learners a chance to know their peers as they share the same real-time experiences, allowing for strong networking and bonding.

Reason #7: Games Provide a Less Threatening Learning Environment

Because the game format is playful, the inherent challenge of the material, even new or difficult material, is less threatening. During game play seemingly difficult questions and scenarios are "just part of the game." And, teachers can use the window following classroom responses to build a bridge between the topic and the learner.

Reason #8: Games Bring Real-World Relevance

Games allow you to present real-world information in the form of questions, scenarios, role-plays, and so forth. In this way, players learn not only the "what," but the "why," of the topic from a real-world perspective. Players also observe their own behavior and that of

others during game play. Post game debriefings give insights into those behaviors in thoughtful examples observed during game play.

Reason #9: Games Accelerate Learning

Games allow you to compress your topic and demonstrated learning into shorter periods of time, accelerating the speed of learning. The visual presentation, oral interactions, and active participation of game play appeals to all of the learning styles (visual, auditory and kinesthetic), involves both the rational and experiential mind that helps players remember what they have learned.

Reason #10: Games Give You Choices for Your Classroom

Games allow you to add variety and flexibility to your teaching menus. Games allow you to do any or all of the following:

- Vary the level of learner involvement
- Vary the level of skill level and knowledge
- Customize to any size of audience, even one-on-one
- Vary the type and level of activity
- Vary the level of classroom control
- Introduce or review topics, or both
- Vary the mix of theoretical and practical information

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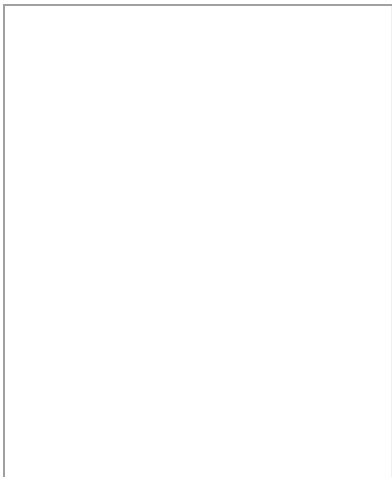
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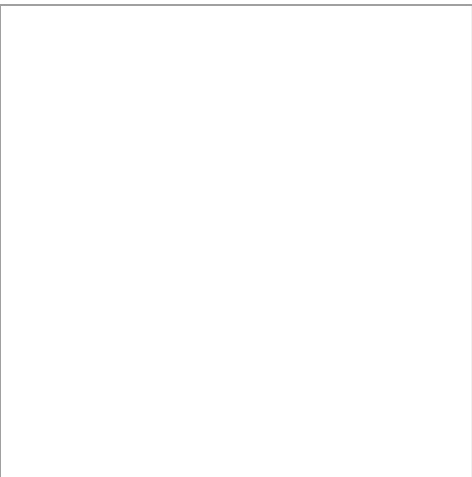
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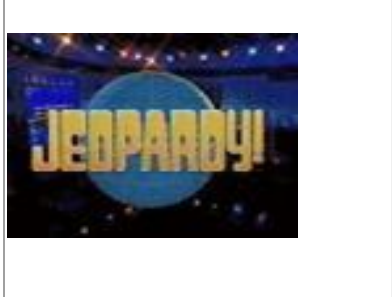
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