Writing Inquiry Collaboration Organization Reading

# Highlighted Strategy: Card Sort

This strategy gives students the opportunity to work with vocabulary, terms, and concepts. Sorting the cards gives students a structure to talk meaningfully with one another about content and helps teachers check for understanding.

**Card Sort = Inquiry, Collaboration** 

## **Examples & Tips**

Card Sort Lessons/ Activities: Vocabulary Builder, Formative Assessment Quick Video:

**Card Sort** 

#### Memory Directions

Layout all cards face down so each group member can see. Find a picture and description that match. Play fair, take turns, and make sure that everyone in the group sees What is picked.





## Teacher's Take

Q: How does card sort allow you assess student learning?

A: "Students often feel apprehensive about what they know. Especially when it's a new topic. When you use an activity like the card sort, you give them a safety net and show them how much they really know. When you throw a competition into the equation, suddenly, the effort increases by 80% and the students are working harder to get the win. Which means they pay WAY more attention to their notes, and they collaborate on the best way to complete the card sort. If someone does better than them, they demand more time to get faster at the card sort, thereby allowing them more time to study. I used the cardsort and quizlet live before the test, my test grades were significantly higher than the last

### **Dean's Challenge (10/14 – 10/25)**

"Sort It Out"

Make this activity work for you!

Invite me to witness the activity
or send me a pic of your
students "sorting it out".

