

WORDO!

WORDO is a word game that is played in a similar manner as BINGO. Here is how it is played:

- 1) Provide each student with a blank WORDO! card (either 4x4 or 5x5).
- 2) Provide students with target words you wish to review with them. These can be words related to a particular subject area or words that you want your students to learn to recognize more accurately and automatically. If using a 4x4 card, present students with 15-20 words; for the 5x5 card, present students with the 24-30 words. The words should be put on display (on the chalk or white board) for all the students to see.
- 3) Students then write one word in each box. If using 15 words for the 4x4 card or 24 words for the 5x5 card, one box on each card should be designated the "FREE" box. If you have more target words on display than there are boxes, students will have to leave some of the words off their grid. They get to choose which words to choose and which to leave out.
- 4) Once their cards are filled with words it is time to play WORDO! You, as the teacher, should initially act as the Master of Ceremonies. You randomly choose words from the targeted list (it's a good idea to put the words on individual cards and put them in a bowl to be drawn randomly). Then you call out the word or the definition of the word, a sentence with the word in it, or some other clue to the word. Students must determine if they have the word on their WORDO card. If so, they put a chip or mark on the box in which the word is located. Like in Bingo, when a row, column, or diagonal is filled with chips the student with the filled row, column, or diagonal calls out WORDO! Once the student's card is checked and a prize is given, a new game starts as students clear their cards.
- 5) Students love playing games like WORDO and are usually willing to play it for extended periods of time. Strip away the fun and game-like nature of WORDO and what you will find is solid practice in learning to recognize the targeted words and their meanings.

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