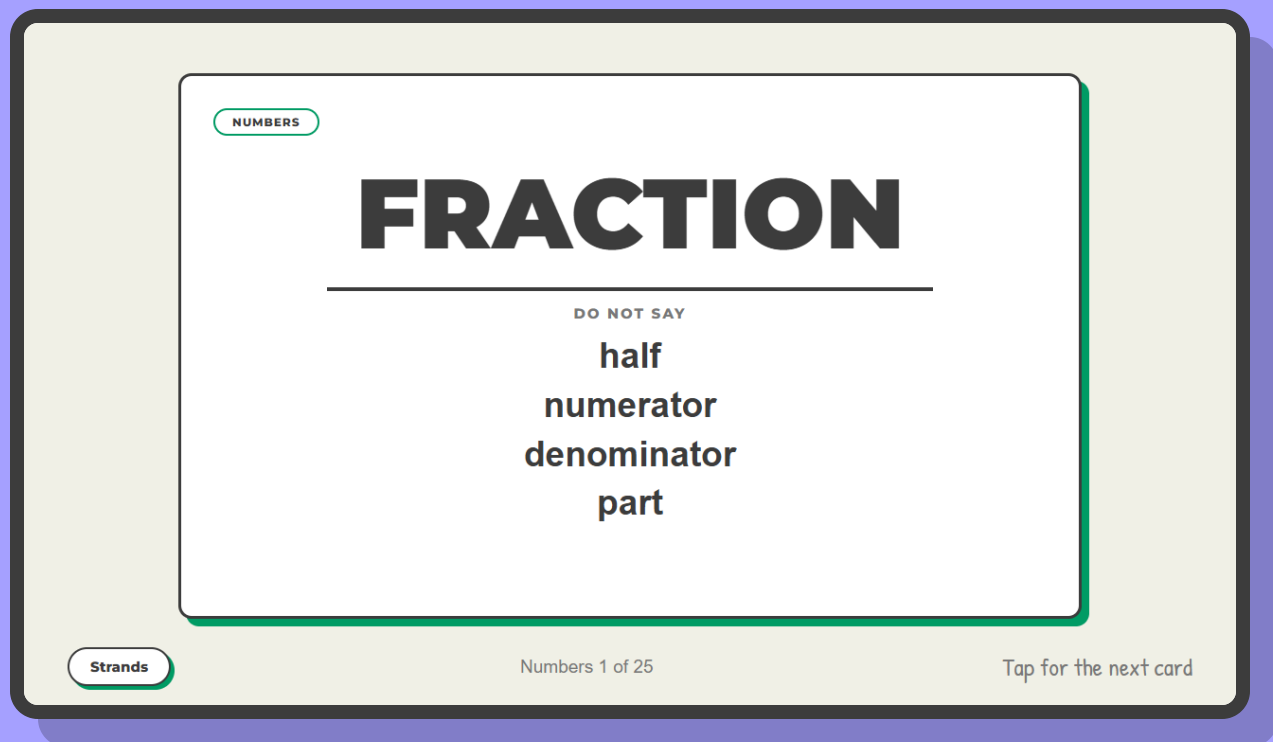


CLASSROOM REVIEW GAMES

MATH TABOO GAME

Describe It Without Saying It · Grades 6 to 9 · 100 cards · 4 strands



Play on one tablet per table, or print the cards. Both are included.

How the game works

This is a table game, not a whole-class game. The card has to stay hidden from the guessers, so it is never put on the board. A table of 6 splits into 3 pairs and shares one tablet, or one pile of printed cards.

- 1. The describer takes the tablet or the top card. Only that person looks at it.**
- 2. A checker from another pair reads the same card. Their only job is to catch banned words.**
- 3. The describer talks and their partner guesses. Every word guessed is one point.**
- 4. A banned word means that card scores nothing. Move on to the next one.**
- 5. After 60 seconds, write the score on the table's sheet and pass the tablet along.**
- 6. Partners swap who describes each round, so everybody talks.**

Six rounds is about 30 minutes, and every student describes at least twice.

Deal one strand to review that unit, or shuffle all 100 for a mixed game.

Scoring is peer checked, so the teacher never has to judge an answer.

The tablet deck: 100 card slides

Choose a strand

Tap a strand to start there, then keep tapping for the next card.

NUMBERS

25

cards

Tap to start

GEOMETRY

25

cards

Tap to start

ALGEBRA

25

cards

Tap to start

STATISTICS

25

cards

Tap to start

GEOMETRY

ANGLE

DO NOT SAY

degrees

corner

two

rays

Strands

Geometry 4 of 25

Tap for the next card

Tap anywhere for the next card. The Strands button in the corner goes back to the menu, so the next student can switch strand without leaving the slideshow.
Opens in Google Slides and PowerPoint.

Math Vocabulary Taboo

Describe It Without Saying It · Grades 6 to 9 · 100 cards · 4 strands

Tables of 6

This is a table game, not a whole-class game

The card must stay hidden from the guessers, so it is never shown on the board. Each table of **6** splits into **3 pairs** and plays with one tablet, or one pile of printed cards, passed around the table. Every table plays at the same time.

Set up (3 minutes)

1. Tables of **6**. Partners sit next to each other, so 3 pairs per table.
2. Give each table **one score sheet** and a pencil, and either **one tablet** showing the deck or **one pile of cards** face down.
3. Pairs decide their order. Pair 1 goes first.
4. You keep the clock for the whole room: **60 seconds** a turn.

Read this out

"You are playing in pairs. When it is your turn, one of you looks at the card and describes the word so your partner can say it. You may not say the word itself, and you may not say any of the four words listed under it. Someone from another pair watches your screen and checks. You get 60 seconds. Every word your partner gets is one point. Then the tablet passes on."

A turn, step by step

- 1 **Describer** takes the tablet or the top card. Only that person looks at it.
- 2 **Checker** from another pair sits so they can see it too. Their only job is to catch banned words.
- 3 **Describe.** The describer talks; their partner guesses out loud. Right answer, tap next and keep going.
- 4 **Banned word?** The checker says "banned". That card scores nothing, move to the next one.
- 5 **Time.** When the 60 seconds are up, write the pair's score on the sheet.
- 6 **Pass.** The tablet goes to the next pair. Inside a pair, swap who describes each round.

The rules a class will test

- No part of the word: no "sounds like", no first letter, no spelling it.
- No gestures and no drawing. Words only.
- Skipping is allowed, but a skipped card scores nothing.
- The checker's call is final. Arguing costs the pair that card.

Timing for one period

Set up 3 min · 6 rounds of about 4 min (60 seconds of play plus passing and scoring) · add up and announce 4 min. **About 30 minutes**, and every student describes at least twice. Short period? Play 4 rounds.

What is in the deck

Numbers (25) · **Geometry** (25) · **Algebra** (25) · **Statistics** (25). Deal one strand at a time to review that unit, or shuffle all 100 for a mixed game.

Table card: the rules students keep in front of them

At Your Table

Print one per table. Keep it in the middle where everyone can see it.

- 1 **One person describes.** You look at the card. Your partner guesses.
- 2 **One person checks.** Someone from another pair reads the same card and listens for banned words.
- 3 **Never say** the word, any of the four banned words, part of the word, or the first letter.
No pointing, no acting, no drawing.
- 4 **One point** for every word your partner says correctly in 60 seconds.
- 5 **Pass it on** when time is up, and swap who describes next round.

Stuck?

Say what it is used for, where you would find it, what happens because of it, or what it is the opposite of. Those four openings will get you through almost any card.

Table score sheet

Table Score Sheet

Table _____

One per table. Write each pair's name, then their score for every round.

PAIR	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOTAL
Pair 1							
Pair 2							
Pair 3							

Which strand each round

ROUND	SUBJECT
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

Table winner

Pair

Points

Best describer at this table, voted by the table:

Hand this sheet in at the end so the class winner can be worked out.

Numbers: 1 of 3 card sheets

Numbers

cards 1 to 10 of 25

Cut on the dashed lines. Print on card stock, or back to back with the next sheet so the words do not show through.

Numbers

NUMBERS

FRACTION

half
numerator
denominator
part

NUMBERS

DECIMAL

point
tenths
place
money

NUMBERS

PERCENT

hundred
sign
portion
out

NUMBERS

INTEGER

whole
negative
positive
counting

NUMBERS

NUMERATOR

top
fraction
above
line

NUMBERS

DENOMINATOR

bottom
fraction
below
line

NUMBERS

PRODUCT

multiply
times
answer
result

NUMBERS

QUOTIENT

divide
answer
division
result

NUMBERS

SUM

add
plus
total
answer

NUMBERS

DIFFERENCE

subtract
minus
answer
take

Geometry: 1 of 3 card sheets

Geometry

cards 1 to 10 of 25

Cut on the dashed lines. Print on card stock, or back to back with the next sheet so the words do not show through.

Geometry

GEOMETRY

PERIMETER

around
add
sides
outside

GEOMETRY

AREA

inside
squared
units
cover

GEOMETRY

VOLUME

inside
cubic
space
fill

GEOMETRY

ANGLE

degrees
corner
two
rays

GEOMETRY

TRIANGLE

three
sides
shape
corners

GEOMETRY

RECTANGLE

four
sides
opposite
corners

GEOMETRY

CIRCLE

round
center
radius
shape

GEOMETRY

RADIUS

center
edge
half
circle

GEOMETRY

DIAMETER

across
center
circle
widest

GEOMETRY

CIRCUMFERENCE

around
circle
distance
pi

Algebra: 1 of 3 card sheets

Algebra

cards 1 to 10 of 25

Cut on the dashed lines. Print on card stock, or back to back with the next sheet so the words do not show through.

Algebra

ALGEBRA

VARIABLE

letter
unknown
stands
changes

ALGEBRA

EQUATION

equals
solve
sign
balance

ALGEBRA

EXPRESSION

numbers
operations
equals
phrase

ALGEBRA

COEFFICIENT

number
front
variable
multiplies

ALGEBRA

CONSTANT

number
change
fixed
same

ALGEBRA

SOLVE

find
answer
work
figure

ALGEBRA

SUBSTITUTE

replace
plug
value
swap

ALGEBRA

INEQUALITY

greater
less
symbol
than

ALGEBRA

SLOPE

steep
rise
run
line

ALGEBRA

INTERCEPT

cross
axis
point
graph

Statistics: 1 of 3 card sheets

Statistics

cards 1 to 10 of 25

Cut on the dashed lines. Print on card stock, or back to back with the next sheet so the words do not show through.

Statistics

STATISTICS

MEAN

average
add
divide
total

STATISTICS

MEDIAN

middle
order
list
center

STATISTICS

MODE

most
often
common
repeats

STATISTICS

RANGE

highest
lowest
subtract
spread

STATISTICS

AVERAGE

mean
add
divide
typical

STATISTICS

GRAPH

plot
picture
points
axes

STATISTICS

AXIS

line
graph
horizontal
vertical

STATISTICS

COORDINATE

point
pair
graph
location

STATISTICS

ORIGIN

zero
center
graph
start

STATISTICS

PROBABILITY

chance
likely
odds
happen

WHAT YOU GET

- **100 cards in 4 strands: Numbers, Geometry, Algebra, Statistics**
- **A tablet deck (PowerPoint, opens in Google Slides) with one card per slide**
- **The same 100 cards as printable cut-apart cards, plus card backs**
- **A teacher rules page, a table card for students, and a table score sheet**
- **Color and ink-saver black and white, in US Letter and A4**

Questions or a special request? Email me any time.

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