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## Numbers and spelling games

## Number hints spelling game

Choose one of the words below without looking at the list by asking for a number between one and 45. Your partner will pronounce that word. Ask "How many letters (are there)?" and your partner will tell you and draw one space for each letter (e.g. saying "There are five letters" and drawing " $\qquad$ "). Then ask how many of each letter there is in the word with questions like "How many Cs are there?" and "How many Ps?" until your partner has written the whole word. If you are scoring points, you get one point for each letter that you guess, e.g. one point if the answer is "(There is) one C " and two points if the answer is "(There are) two Ps". However, you lose one point if the answer is "There are no ...s". When you've guessed the whole word, switch roles and do the same with your partner guessing.

Work together to pronounce all the words on the list below.
Play the same guessing letters game, but without any hint about what word you are guessing.

## Spelling code game

Listen to your teacher dictate a number between one and 26 for each of the letters below, then check that you have a different number for each letter.

| $\mathrm{A}=$ | $\mathrm{B}=$ | $\mathrm{C}=$ | $\mathrm{D}=$ | $\mathrm{E}=$ | $\mathrm{F}=$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{G}=$ | $\mathrm{H}=$ | $\mathrm{I}=$ | $\mathrm{J}=$ | $\mathrm{K}=$ | $\mathrm{L}=$ |
| $\mathrm{M}=$ | $\mathrm{N}=$ | $\mathrm{O}=$ | $\mathrm{P}=$ | $\mathrm{Q}=$ | $\mathrm{R}=$ |
| $\mathrm{S}=$ | $\mathrm{T}=$ | $\mathrm{U}=$ | $\mathrm{V}=$ | $\mathrm{W}=$ | $\mathrm{X}=$ |
| $\mathrm{Y}=$ | $\mathrm{Z}=$ |  |  |  |  |

Listen to your partner pronounce a word, ask questions about the spelling if you like, then add up the numbers that each letter goes with and race to shout out the right total, e.g. "Twenty nine" if the word is "Cat" (because the total is $1+24+4$ ).

Play the same game but calculating in your head without using a pen (or with just the person who won the last round not being allowed to use a pen if one person keeps winning).

Make up a code with different numbers, dictate it to the other groups, then pronounce words for them to play the same game with.

| Spelling code to dictate |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A= 24 | $\mathrm{B}=9$ | $\mathrm{C}=1$ | $D=10$ | $\mathrm{E}=8$ | $\mathrm{F}=17$ |
| $\mathrm{G}=3$ | $\mathrm{H}=26$ | $\mathrm{l}=14$ | $J=15$ | $\mathrm{K}=7$ | $\mathrm{L}=22$ |
| $\mathrm{M}=5$ | $\mathrm{N}=19$ | $\mathrm{O}=2$ | $\mathrm{P}=23$ | $\mathrm{Q}=16$ | $\mathrm{R}=18$ |
| $\mathrm{S}=25$ | $\mathrm{T}=4$ | $U=11$ | $V=12$ | $W=6$ | $\mathrm{X}=20$ |

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## Words to guess the spelling of by asking number questions

1. cheese sandwiches
2. chicken
3. French fries
4. salad
5. apple pie
6. orange juice
7. running
8. Thailand
9. South Korea
10. The United States
11. chocolate
12. potato
13. bananas
14. carrots
15. cabbage
16. photographs
17. boots
18. butter
19. tomatoes
20. swimming pool
21. baseball
22. circus
23. tennis
24. tomorrow
25. weekend
26. afternoon
27. evening
28. morning
29. zoo
30. picnic
31. grandparents
32. present
33. pizza
34. ice-cream
35. cool
36. sunny
37. seventeenth
38. thirty-first
39. strawberry
40. driving
41. bookshop
42. post office
43. school
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