

ACTIVE LEARNING

HOPPING THROUGH HOOPS

Hopping Through Hoops is a fun, active game that helps students review vocabulary terms for any content area. Students race through a set of hoops, trying to get across before the competing team provides a definition for a word.

Players

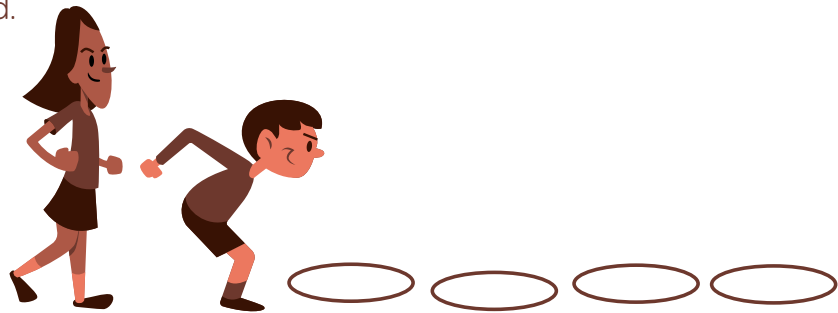
Whole class

Equipment

Six hoops

Preparation

Place six hoops in a staggered line in a large, open area. Try to place them far enough apart for students to hop from one to the next.



How to Play

1. Divide the class into two equal groups. Have one group stand in line at one end of the hoops, while the other group stands in line at the other end of the hoops. Both teams should be facing the hoops.
2. Give a vocabulary word to team A. Ask them either for a definition or for them to use the word correctly in a sentence. Then say, "Go!"
3. The first student in line for team A will try to answer as quickly as possible. Meanwhile, team B will be hopping from one hoop to the next, trying to get as many people as possible to the opposite side, where team A is standing. Only one person can be in any hoop at one time.
4. As soon as team A has correctly answered the question, say, "Stop." Team B will get points based on how many people crossed through all 6 hoops to the other side before being told to stop.
5. Play will continue until all students have received a word. The team with the most points in the end wins!

Variations

- Give students a spelling word to spell.
- Give students an equation to solve mentally.