

SQUAT CHALLENGE

BRAIN BOOST STRATEGIES

LESSON PLAN

Purpose

Brain Boost activities are short bursts of movement meant to energize the body and brain. It refreshes our thinking and helps us discover another solution to a problem or see a situation through a different lens. Teachers need less than 5 minutes for these exercises to make an impact on learning.

Materials

- Squat Challenge Instructional Video for Teachers: <u>Elementary</u>, <u>Middle</u>, <u>High</u>
- Squat Challenge Video for Students

Procedure:

- Play the student video for the students to follow along
- When the "DOWN" word and arrow are displayed, students will hold a squat position until the video displays "UP"
- When the "UP" word and arrow are displayed, students will rise to the standing position and wait until the video displays "DOWN"
- Continue until the end of the video or until the teacher stops activity

Modifications:

- Students could sit in a chair for "DOWN"
- Students could raise and lower arms as they squat and stand
- Students could do calf raises instead of squats
- Students who would like a more difficult challenge could do push ups instead



