

CARD SHARKS

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

- Card Sharks Instructional Video for Teachers: <u>Elementary</u>, <u>Middle</u>, <u>High</u>
- Deck of Playing Cards
- List of Exercises

Procedure:

- The teacher shows the class a playing card
- Students guess whether the next card will be higher, lower, or the same as the current card by showing one of the following:
 - o Guess Higher thumbs up
 - Guess Lower thumbs down
 - Guess the Same thumbs to the side
- The teacher then shows the next card; students complete one of the following actions based on their guess:
 - o Correct Guess do a victory dance
 - Incorrect Guess do 5 squats.
- Repeat the activity
- In this activity, 10 is less than Jack, Jack is less than Queen, Queen is less than King, and Ace is the highest card

Modifications:

• The movements for correct and incorrect guesses can be changed each round



