

Word Toss

Description:

Word Toss is a pre-assessment strategy that helps students make predictions about text they will be reading and make them aware of what they should be watching for in the text. It also lets you gauge their current knowledge of the content.

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How to Use the Strategy:

1. Identify major concepts for the text the students will be reading. Write 7 to 10 words or phrases identifying these concepts and scatter them on the smartboard randomly so that they appear to have been tossed there.
 2. Students work in pairs or small groups to write a sentence or two using all of the words/phrases on display. The sentences should show how the students predict the words/phrases will be related to each other in the text they are about to read.
 3. Students read their sentences aloud. Don't worry about the accuracy of the statements at this point.
 4. Students read the text and check the accuracy of their predictions. Invite them to revise their predictions to reflect what they learned from the text.
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