

ESCAPE ROOM OVERVIEW

An escape room activity is a challenge that allows kids or young adults to work together solving a variety of puzzles. After each puzzle is solved, they get a special code. Here are three options for using the escape room activities:

Option #1: Small Group Scavenger Hunt

OVERVIEW: Use the small group version to set up your classroom or work area as a scavenger hunt. Students will work together in a small group to answer challenges and find the clues located around the room.

PREP:

1. Print the challenges/puzzles.
2. Use the visual guide to cut out puzzles and place in envelopes.
3. Keep the introduction and student worksheet to give out to students right away.
4. Hide all other envelopes in designated area around the room. If you do not have access to a certain object (such as a window), you can use a printed image of that object and hide the envelope there.

Option #2: Groups at Seats

OVERVIEW: Use the whole class version to have students work at their desks/seats. Students will work in teams to answer challenges. When a group completes a challenge, they will raise their hands to show you the "answer" in order to get the next challenge and keyword. When all challenges are complete, you will give a group the final special code.

PREP:

1. Print the challenges/puzzles.
2. Arrange/choose your groups of students.
3. Copy enough challenges/puzzles for every group. For example, if you have three groups, you will need three separate copies of each challenge and puzzle.
4. Use the visual guide to cut out puzzles and place in envelopes. You can label the envelopes by challenge number.
5. Keep the introduction and student worksheet to give out to all groups right away.
6. Print the student checklist with answers for yourself. You will use this to monitor student answers and hand out challenges as students complete them.

Option #3: Groups at Centers

OVERVIEW: Use the whole class version to have students work at centers set up around the room with challenges. You will need to give students 5-10 minutes for each challenge and have students move to the next center when time is up. When students complete a challenge at a center, they should raise their hand to show you the answer and you will give them the special code. When all challenges are complete, you will give a group the final special code.

PREP:

1. Print the challenges/puzzles.
2. Arrange/choose your groups of students.
3. Arrange each challenge at a different station around the room. It is important to remove the half-sheets that give the answers! These will be given to a group only when they show you they have solved a puzzle.
4. Keep the introduction and student worksheet to give out to students right away.
5. Choose how much time you will give each at each center. This might depend on your class or session time.
6. Be prepared to disassemble puzzles before moving on to the next center.