Spelling Better for Teachers

Pangram Word-Building Worksheet

Students aged about 8 and up, ESL/EFL learners and word-game clubs

How to play

1. Each puzzle has seven different letters. One of them is the center letter.
2. Make words of four or more letters.
3. Every word must use the center letter.
4. You may use any letter more than once in the same word.
5. You may only use the seven letters in the puzzle.
6. A pangram is a word that uses all seven letters at least once. Each puzzle has at least one.

Scoring (optional)

- 1 point for each four-letter word.
- 2 points for each word of five letters or more.
- 5 bonus points for each pangram you find.

Puzzle 1

Center letter: A

Other letters: P, L, Y, I, N, G

My words _____

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My pangram _____

My score _____

Puzzle 2

Center letter: E

Other letters: G, A, R, D, N, S

My words _____

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My pangram

My score

Puzzle 3

Center letter: T

Other letters: C, H, A, P, E, R

My words

My pangram

My score

Answer key (for the teacher)

These are some of the possible answers, not every one. Accept any real word that follows the rules; check unfamiliar words in a dictionary. If a student finds another real word that uses all seven letters, it counts as a pangram too.

Puzzle 1 (center A; letters A, P, L, Y, I, N, G). Pangram: PLAYING. Words: PLAY, PLAN, PAIN, PAIL, NAIL, GAIN, LAIN, ALLY, PLAIN, ALIGN, AGAIN, AGING, APPLY, INLAY, PAYING, LAYING, PLAINLY.

Puzzle 2 (center E; letters E, G, A, R, D, N, S). Pangrams: GARDENS, DANGERS. Words: READ, DEAR, NEAR, EARN, GEAR, RAGE, SAGE, EDGE, SEED, NEED, DEER, SEND, GREEN, GRADE, RANGE, ANGER, DRESS, ERASE, AGREE, EAGER, DANGER, GARDEN.

Puzzle 3 (center T; letters T, C, H, A, P, E, R). Pangram: CHAPTER. Words: CHAT, HEAT, TEAR, TAPE, PATH, PART, TRAP, CART, THAT, TEACH, CHEAT, PATCH, CHART, CATCH, HATCH, HEART, EARTH, CRATE, TRACE, THREE, TREAT, CARPET, TEACHER.