

Scrambled Eggs

Infuse a potentially humdrum vocabulary or spelling word practice just by using an egg carton and some plastic holiday eggs.

Supplies: Egg Cartons; Plastic Eggs; Word Cards; Basket; Candy (optional)

Have your learner write each of his vocabulary words on individual slips of paper. Each word should have its corresponding definition on the other side. Fold the paper pieces and put one inside each plastic egg. Place the eggs inside one or more egg cartons. Your child will open the eggs one at a time. If he sees the definition on the paper, then he should guess the corresponding vocabulary word. If he sees the word first, he should give the definition. The eggs with the words that were answered correctly can be placed in a basket. The eggs with the words that were unfamiliar with your learner should be placed back into the egg carton. Repeat until all eggs have been opened.

In order to review the words that were unfamiliar to your learner, “scramble” or change the placement of the remaining eggs in the carton. Have him repeat the activity until all eggs wind up in the basket. This activity can be modified for younger learners by using sight words or for older learners with science or history vocabulary words. A fun incentive is to put a small candy in one of the eggs as a surprise.

In a classroom, groups of children can work together to complete this activity. The egg cartons can be kept in a learning center for daily practice.



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