

# News Jeopardy

**Playing News Jeopardy at the end of each week is a fun way to develop students' reading skills, comprehension and critical thinking.**

**Grade Level:** Grades 4 and up

**Curriculum:** Language Arts & Social Studies

**Objectives:** Students will read newspaper  
Students will create questions about local, national & international news of varying levels of difficulty.  
Level One: Facts about who, what when, where, why, how  
Level Two: Compare & contrast  
Level Three: Synthesis & analysis  
Teams of students will answer questions playing News Jeopardy

**Skills:** Critical reading  
Question posing & question writing  
Memorization & recall of local, national & international news  
Developing group process skills by working in a team

## Step-by-step

- 1) News Jeopardy is best if played once a week for at least four weeks.
- 2) Divide the class into four teams of 5-7 students. These should be permanent teams that are balanced in terms of student abilities. Each week, two of the four teams will compete. The other two teams will keep track of the score, assist the teacher and observe.
- 3) At the beginning of the week, students will read the newspaper.
- 4) By Wednesday, students will complete three questions from local, national & international news.
- 5) Teacher will review questions, edit, categorize and rank them by difficulty.
- 6) On Friday, two teams will play News Jeopardy. Each team will designate one noisemaker and one spokesperson to represent their group. Other members will help determine correct answers. Each team only has one minute to answer the question. Teacher reads the questions.
- 7) Other two teams observing will: Manage categories, keep track of score & keep time.

**Supplies needed:** Daily newspapers; two noisemakers (horn, bell, kazoo); signs with double stick tape (local, national & international or any other categories you choose); signs with 100, 200, 300, 400, 500

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