



16 Tips for Using the Word Workshop

1. **Make task cards for students.** Using the card format, type your tasks, then print and laminate them.
2. **Create flash cards for weekly spelling words.** Save each set for your files.
3. **Make labels for your book baskets** using the label format. Assign this job to parent volunteers or helpers in your classroom.
4. **Create and save lists.** Use the tool's list format to make all kinds of lists, such as word families, phonics patterns, or words we know. The sky is the limit!
5. **Design a bulletin board of your students' favorite quotes.** Type up the quotes, having fun with borders, fonts, and colors.
6. **Make labels for the ESL/ELL classroom.** The labels will help your second-language learners navigate the room and improve their vocabulary.
7. **Design seasonal bulletin boards.** Create word cards centered on a holiday or theme, then pair them with student illustrations of each word.
8. **Label science fair projects.** Allow students to create their own word cards to attach to the displays.
9. **Illustrate different parts of speech with color.** Print out word cards and assign a different color to nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc.
10. **Print a poem.** Select the four words per page format, then enter each word or line of the poem. After printing, ask students to reconstruct the poem.

11. **Play a matching game with your students.** Make pairs of rhyming word cards, then print. Place all pairs face down in random order. Students turn over two cards at a time to try to find a match.
12. **Develop a class roster.** Use the list format to create the roster. Print several copies to use for field trips, for classroom helpers, or to check off homework.
13. **Create sets with unusual vocabulary on one card and the definitions on another.** Pair them on a bulletin board or use them as a center activity, where students must match the words with their definitions.
14. **Make a word list together with your students** as a fun classroom activity. Project the Word Workshop to view it with your class. Browse the Ready-to-Go Word Lists for inspiration.
15. **Enter vocabulary words while you read books together.** Leave the Word Workshop open on your interactive whiteboard or projector and add words as students read.
16. **Generate word problems in math.** Print and post the word problems, or hand them out to students.

More Word Wall Ideas

Interactive Word Wall

Get students involved with your word wall to make it even more useful!

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/interactive-word-wall>

Word Walls That Work

Six expert ideas for designing practical, efficient, and memorable word walls

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/word-walls-work>

Create a Vocabulary Word Wall

A teacher shares how she incorporates words from the word wall into her teaching.

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/top-teaching/2012/03/create-vocabulary-word-wall>