

PowerPoint Games are More Than Fun!

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PowerPoint games are a great way to add a little fun to the classroom while reviewing important content along the way. There are several different game templates available depending on your content, grade level and time frame. All games reviewed during this PD can be downloaded from the website above, by clicking on PD or conference session link on the home page. Follow the link to PowerPoint Templates. When you find the template you want, right click on it and choose Save Target As..., then save the template on your computer. Below are some quick reminders for how to use each game.

Hollywood Squares

This is a simple game that doesn't take long to develop or play. A good review at the end of a lesson.

- Start on slide 5.
- For each slide, replace the text at the bottom (ex. Question 1 or Answer 1) as appropriate.
- Click on File, Save As... and rename your file so you don't replace your template.

To Play the Game:

- Click on View, Slide Show.
- Once you are on the main board, have a team select a square for a question.
- Click on the character to see the question.
- Once the team answers, click in the black box under the character and type and X or O as appropriate.
- When the game is finished, exit PowerPoint without saving.
- If an X or O is on the board when you open the game, click on View, Slide Show and you can erase it there. You can not erase the X's or O's in editing mode.

Jeopardy

Simple Version

- On slide 1 you see the main game board. Highlight the text Category 1, etc to enter your categories.
- Starting with slide 2, highlight the text and replace it with the appropriate answer.
- Even number slides will be answers. (Remember Jeopardy is backwards. Students are given an answer and give a question.)
- Odd number slides will be the corresponding questions.
- When finished (or before), click on File, Save As.. Change the filename and save the game.

Playing the Game

- Click on View, Slide Show.
- Click on the selected question by clicking on the points amount.
- After viewing the answer, click anywhere to view the correct question.
- Click on the home button in the bottom corner to return to the main board.
- Already viewed questions will be a different color.
- When finished, exit PowerPoint without saving.

Mark Damon Version of PowerPoint

- Although this is a fancier version, the basics still apply. Change the category titles to be what you want and enter questions and answers as prompted.
- When playing the game, already viewed questions will not change colors. Either print a copy of the main board and mark them by hand or.....
- While viewing the game in slide show mode, you can change the mouse pointer to a pen. In the bottom right corner there should be a faint button that will allow you to choose a pen. Choose a color and mark across selected squares. Then change the pen back to the pointer to continue play.
- Enter team scores if desired on the scores page by clicking in the black score box and typing the appropriate score.
- When finished, exit PowerPoint without saving. Do not save editing marks if using the pen.

Millionaire

Simple Format

- Go to slide 8 with the \$100 question.
- Replace the ? with the first question.
- Type in the choices for A, B, C, and D.
- On the orange bar, replace the ? with the letter of the correct answer. Replace "answer" with the correct answer.
- Drag the orange bar over the correct answer.
- Proceed to the next question.
- When finished, click on File, Save As.. Change the filename and save the game.

Playing the Game

- Click on View, Slide Show.
- Click through the screens until you reach the \$100 question. The question and answer choices will appear automatically without further clicking.
- After the contestant answers, click again to reveal the correct answer.
- Click again to go to the next question.
- When finished playing the game, exit PowerPoint without saving.

Due to the time provided for this PD, the directions above are short. Some games have additional directions on one of the slides or as a separate document. However, if you need further assistance, please email me at the address listed on the first page, or contact your school's TRT.