Vocabulary Strategy

Vocabulary Review Skits

Purpose

* Aids in vocabulary retention and content comprehension.
* Motivates students who may be reluctant to participate in class.
* Stronger learners scaffold and aid in the learning for struggling students.
* A fun and non-threatening way to learn while building classroom culture.
* Acts as an informal assessment tool.

Directions

1. The teacher writes vocabulary terms for review on small slips of paper.
2. Have students form groups of two or three and blindly choose a vocabulary term, keeping their term a secret from the other groups.
3. Using notes or texts, provide students 4 or 5 minutes to come up with a skit where they must act out their vocabulary term using dialogue and action.
4. You might suggest that each group create a couple of props. Using paper and markers to draw a prop is quick and each.
5. Have each group come to the front of the room to act out their skit.
6. Challenge the other groups to guess which vocabulary term was acted out.
7. You might choose to give a brief quiz on the terms when the skits are complete.