

# SOS SPOTLIGHT ON STRATEGIES

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## Blurt Out!



Games allow us to meet a variety of learning styles in a manner that is engaging to students. This SOS was inspired by Blurt!® a board game by Mattel. Using this format enables students to share their knowledge individually or as a team by blurring out their answer.



Materials: video segment, essential question(s), blank paper, pen/pencil

1. Find a video segment that fits your topic or concept and write essential questions for learning.
2. Display essential questions and explain they will be looking for evidence to support their answers to the questions while watching a video.
3. Pause the video throughout the segment to allow students to brainstorm and record facts on paper or in books..
4. Following the video, distribute three index cards to each student. They will use these to write questions about the video to try and stump their classmates.
5. Collect and review the questions, adding some of your own if needed.
6. Play “Blurt Out” by dividing the class into teams, and having a member from each team sit in a chair at the front of the room.
7. Ask a question from the index cards. If one of the players knows the answer, they blurt it out, earning a point. If they don't, the other players get a chance to answer. If neither knows the answer no one receives the point.
8. Repeat the questions and answers after they are blurted out, give the students time to jot down the answers in their notes. The team with the most points wins.

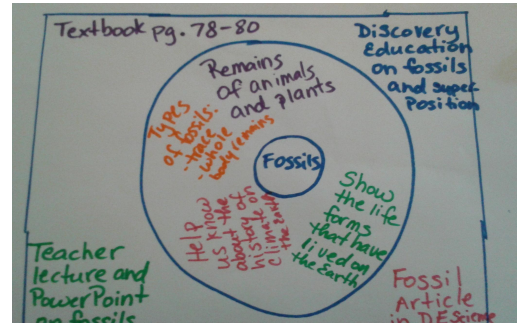
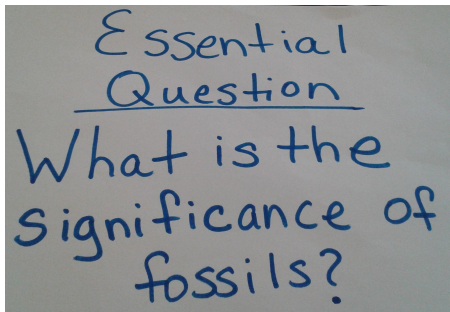
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Using a game format in class is an engaging and entertaining way to capture students attention and formatively assess understanding of a unit of study.

Below is a sample of student notes, responding to an essential question.



- Have students create flash cards from their notes to study.
- Allow students to use their answers to the essential question to complete a constructed response.