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Lesson Plan

Language Lightning

Lesson Plan for *Superstars of the NBA Finals*

Grade 1

Objective

To help students practice producing simple, declarative sentences as a response to prompts.

Things Needed

- *Superstars of the NBA Finals* book
- Whiteboard

Before the Activity

Read *Superstars of the NBA Finals* out loud to students.

Activity

In the NBA Finals, teams compete for a chance to become the champion, or the best team in a sport. Today, students will compete to be the champions. However, instead of scoring points by shooting a ball into a basket, they will earn points by forming sentences.

Divide students into two teams. Students in each team should stand in a line. You will read a word or a phrase related to basketball. The students at the front of each line should think of a sentence that uses that word. As soon as they have a sentence in mind, students should raise a hand.

You'll call on the first student to raise a hand. If the student's answer is a complete sentence, his or her team gets one point. If the answer is incorrect, the other team gets a chance to "rebound." If the student at the front of that team's line can think of a complete sentence, that team gets the point instead. Continue going back and forth until one student has a complete, correct sentence.



Use the following list of words/phrases:

1. the best team
2. the champions
3. wins
4. the best player
5. scores
6. helps
7. the other team
8. shoots
9. the hoop
10. stops
11. a basket
12. the ball
13. plays
14. the other players
15. runs

Evaluation

Record the scores on the whiteboard. The team with the most points at the end is the champion.

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' language standards, grade 1 (L 1.1).

