

FUN STUFF

Praying Mantis Word Scramble



TEACHER'S GUIDE

Materials Dictionaries, paper, pencils or pens, scissors,
P*R*A*Y*I*N*G*M*A*N*T*I*S pattern

Instructions Print patterns and make a copy for each student. Have students cut out letters and noodle around with them to make as many words as they can. Ask the students to write them all down. If students are ready, ask them make up sentences using only the words they've written down.

Questions How many words can you come up with?
What's the longest word you can make?
Are any of the words verbs?
Are the words nouns?

Rules All words must be found in the dictionary; every student in the group must know the meanings of all words submitted; sentences must make some kind of sense, however strange.

Sample Words Rain, ring, sing, tap, part, grit, nag, grip, rip, pita, ray, rant, sit

Sample Sentences I sit a ring. Rain is grit. Part taps rips. Is grit singing?


For Older Students Divide students into groups of five or six and COMPETE to see which group can come up with the most words, longest words or the longest, funniest or most interesting sentence.



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Cut out the letters and see how many others words you can make.

P	R	A	Y
I	N	G	
M	A	N	T
I	S		