
Focus Letter Pattern: MENT

Lesson Difficulty Level: 5

There are approximately 1500 words in the English language containing the letters MENT.

STEP 1: Using hints, work with your students to generate the following words and fill in the word work matrix. Be sure to define each word and use it in a sentence as you write it in the word-work matrix

1. ELEMENTARY
2. APARTMENT
3. DEPARTMENT
4. SEGMENT
5. MOMENT
6. MOVEMENT
7. MENTAL
8. MENTALLY
9. MENTION
10. SEDIMENT
11. EXCITEMENT
12. PUNISHMENT

STEP 2: When the word-work matrix is completed, have the students chant the words aloud 3 or 4 times to build rapid and proper pronunciation.

STEP 3: Quickly call out words at random, and have the students tell you what cell each word is in. For example, if you say SEDIMENT, the students should tell you it's in box 10. Or if you say MOVEMENT, the students should say it is in box 6.

STEP 4: Read the following sentences aloud and have the students figure out what word belongs in the blank space:

I'm in 1st grade; I go to _____ school.

I live in a three-bedroom _____.

Dirt and sand at the bottom of the river is called _____.

If I cut a piece of string in smaller pieces, each piece is called a _____.

When you do math problems in your head, you are doing them _____.

STEP 5: In the spaces below the word-work matrix, have students generate other words that contain the letters MENT. To make it more interesting, tell them you will be very impressed with students who come up with really unusual and sophisticated vocabulary words. See if the students come up with words like EQUIPMENT or TORMENT. If they can't, encourage them to simply modify one of the words you have already discussed with a prefix or a suffix or think of a compound word that contains one of the words from today's lesson.

STEP 6: Have the students generate an original sentence correctly using at least two of the words from the lesson.



Student Word-Work Worksheet

NAME: _____ FOCUS LETTERS: _____

1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9.
10.	11.	12.

Write your OWN words that contain the letters _____:

Write a **grammatically correct** sentence using at least TWO of the words from the matrix above.

