Word Splash Directions

Purpose

Word Splash allows students to predict what a story they will read might be about. It assists them in making connection between and among elements, facts, and ideas in the story. My experience with Word Splash is that students (and adults) generally can't wait to read the story after investing a good deal of time and effort into their predictions.

Materials

1. A story or reading passage which students will eventually read

2. A pen or pencil for each student

Procedures

1. Select 12-15 words or short phrases from the story and place them randomly and at various angles on a sheet of paper.

2. Run one copy for each student or for each pair of students.

3. Place students in pairs and ask them to circle words or phrases that seem to be connected in some way, drawing lines connecting them on the sheets of paper.

4. Students should generate complete statements in support of their suppositions.

5. Have them read the story and check their predictions against what they read.

Note: This could be used prior to a lecture to build interest in the material presented.