Word UP!

Game Directions:

- Write word wall words on the task cards on the next page.
- Shuffle the cards.
- Put students in groups of 4-6 players. Each group will split into two teams that will battle in the Word Up game.
- Game play is similar to the game Heads Up. Set a timer for three minutes for each round.
- The youngest player goes first, choosing a card from the pile WITHOUT looking and holds the card against his/her forehead so his/her teammates can see the word. Teammates give the player clues to the word WITHOUT saying the word or any form of the word. They cannot spell or rhyme with the word.
- The player tries to guess the word. When he/she guesses correctly, he/she can choose a new card. Play continues until the timer goes off. The team tallies their points.
- Game play switches to the opposing team. Once again, set a timer for three minutes. The opposing team’s youngest player goes first, picking a card and trying to guess based on his/her teammate’s clues.
- Game play continues until each player has had a turn and teams have had equal turns OR until class time runs out.
- The team with the most points wins!

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