Save Our Planet Word Challenge



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Here's a fun word-building activity to use for Earth Day or any time of the year. You can have students complete this alone, but it's more fun with a partner. Have them cut out the letters of "Save Our Planet" and work with a buddy to find as many words as possible from those letters. Here are the rules:

- No proper nouns including names of people, places, things, etc.
- Words must be spelled correctly.
- All words have to have at least 3 letters.
- You can look up the spellings of words in the dictionary,
 but you can't use it to hunt for random words that you don't know!

I generally set a timer and let the kids have about 20 minutes to hunt for words. Then I have them switch papers and check to make sure the other pair has followed all the rules and that their words are spelled correctly. Sometimes I allow them to continue working 10 or 15 more minutes with a partner. Even though this is a fun activity, it's actually great for improving spelling. It's amazing how many simple words kids misspell regularly, and this activity makes them more conscious of the spellings of basic words. They begin to notice word families, suffixes, and prefixes in their hunt for new words.



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How many words can you find in the letters of "Save Our Planet"? Cut out the letters below and use them to help you make words. Work with a partner and take turns finding words and writing them on the lines.

1	17	33
2	18	
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4		36
5	21	37
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