

INSTRUCTIONS

The BUSQUENLO EN EL DICCIONARIO package that you have purchased is intended to be a user-friendly package. There are 30 thematic dictionary activities that may be used with students of Spanish to supplement units under study and solidify knowledge of dictionary usage. Teachers may choose to photocopy the thematic exercise that is appropriate for their class and should assign specific time frames for completion of the activity.

Here are some helpful instructions that will ensure success in your classroom:

1. **ENSURE THAT EACH STUDENT HAS A DICTIONARY TO USE!** A class set of dictionaries is ideal. In the event that students provide their own dictionaries, page number answers will vary in the "PÁGINA" column.
2. Select the activity that you would like to use with your class. Using a dictionary from the class set, translate the 15 words and find the page numbers in order to have a master copy of the activity with the correct answers.
3. Photocopy the appropriate sheet for your class and discuss usage of a foreign language dictionary appropriate to the grade level. Ex. English-Spanish side, Spanish-English side; parts of a dictionary and how to use them; how to look for a specific word; confirming an answer by double checking with the opposite side of the dictionary; parts of speech; etc... It may also be wise to mention that knowledge of how to use a foreign language dictionary is essential when studying a foreign language as internet translation sites, while easy to use, do not always render correct answers.
4. Explain your expectations of this exercise to your students. i.e. - Students must take the English word, locate it in the dictionary, find the Spanish translation with page number and determine what part of speech the word belongs to: nm (nombre masculino), fm (nombre femenino), adj (adjetivo), vi (verbo intransitivo), vt (verbo transitivo), adv (adverbio). Review the functions of nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs in order to avoid confusion. It may also be wise to do the first three words together as a class.
5. Read through the list of 15 words with the class in order to ensure comprehension of the words. N.B. - not all words will be nouns!
6. Explain your evaluation methods to your students. Each teacher is encouraged to create a rubric for different grade levels and/or targeting specific aspects of the activity.
7. Once your students have completed the activity, you may have them glue it into their notebooks or hand it in for evaluation.
8. To reinforce comprehension of dictionary skills and accuracy, students may pair up and compare answers.
9. A blank table is provided in this package in the event that the teacher of students would like to make up their own dictionary activity on a specific theme.

And finally...

Have fun while your students reinforce their foreign language dictionary skills!

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