

Science Bingo - Teacher Tips

(1) Make copies of the bingo board for each student. Instruct students to use 25 of the terms listed to fill in the bingo board. They should not use a free space unless you have only 24 terms. Each term may be used only once and some will not be used at all if you have more than 25 terms. I try to have at least 28 -30 terms for a bingo game.

(2) I often use Bingo to review the day before a test. After we have discussed the review assignment or study guide, I provide copies of the bingo board and tell the students they must have the board completed (words and notes) by class time the following day or they will not be allowed to play! Students are required to “read” the bingo during the game, which means they have to tell me the term as well as the definition. If the students take a long time reading the bingo, they will have less playing time!

(3) I create a page of definitions to use as clues (see graphic). I print the page on an overhead transparency and cut apart the clues. During the game, I pull one clue out of a ziploc bag or envelope, read it out loud, and place it on the overhead. You could also print the clues on large index cards and display them on a bulletin board or chalkboard for the game. At the end of the round, I put all the clues back into the envelope or bag and shuffle them for the next round. I usually play one round of bingo until I have at least 15 clues or 5 winners.

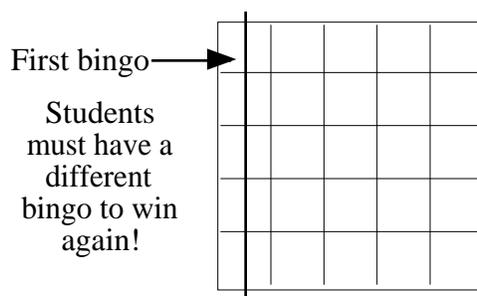
Clue #1	Clue #8
Clue #2	Clue #9
Clue #3	Clue #10
Clue #4	Clue #11
Clue #5	Clue #12
Clue #6	Clue #13
Clue #7	Clue #14

(4) You will need to buy small candy pieces (Smarties, Nerds, M&M Minis) or provide something else to use as markers. I usually use Smarties and give each student 1 roll. If the students have behaved during the game, they get to eat the candy after we are done. If not, I collect the candy and dump it in the trash, but I have never had to do this! A warning is usually enough!

(5) I use candy as prizes and stock up on Jolly Ranchers or anything else I can find on sale! The winning students get to pick one piece.

(6) Depending on the amount of candy you have available for prizes, you may want to limit the number of bingo per student. For example, I only allow one bingo per round per student. A student may have a bingo two different ways, but they only get one piece of candy and have to sit out until we start a new round.

(7) I also do not allow students to bingo the same way every time. Once a student has a bingo, they draw a line through those terms. They are allowed to bingo in other rounds, but must use a different way.



Go to <http://sciencespot.net/Media/superscibingo.pdf> to see a ready-to-use bingo game from my Super Scientist unit!

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Choose 25 terms to fill in your bingo card! Do not include a free space!

*Print a list of terms for the bingo game and tape in this area
before making copies of the bingo card for the students.*