



Wordplay

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Print, laminate and cut out these cards and give them to the pupils as they enter the room and you have a literacy starter.

Call out a series of numbers (4 or 5 is usually enough) and ask the pupils to perform what is on their card.

Alternatively you could use them to provide a change of activity in the middle of the lesson.

Which ever way you choose you have an opportunity to generate an engaging conversation in the class about literacy issues.

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36 ideas
to start pupils talking
about literacy

***“Unbelievably stimulating and
ridiculously simple!”***

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1
**What does an
adjective do?**

3
**Why is an
adverb important?**

5
**Two words that
mean the same as
'scary'**

7
**Four nouns
in the room**

9
**A powerful adjective
for a bad tempered
man**

11
**A sentence with
the word 'weird' in
it**

2
**Two synonyms
for 'house'**

4
**An informal word
for 'friend'**

6
**two words with
'ought' in them**

8
**Two words
beginning in 'gh'**

10
**Two words that
mean the same as
'small'**

12
**Spell a homophone
of 'plain'**

13
The names and colours of two fizzy drinks

15
Two words that rhyme with swine

17
How do you know when you are reading direct speech?

19
Two words that rhyme with plough

21
What is a verb?

23
Who wrote Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire?

14
What is the abbreviation of photograph?

16
Antonym of 'hot'

18
Three words alliterating with 'buzzard'

20
How many syllables are there in champion?

22
Three onomatopoeic words

24
How many syllables in Liverpool?

25
Two words beginning with 'ph-'

27
Who wrote Bill Shankley's autobiography?

29
A powerful word describing a hurricane

31
Three words ending in '—tch'

33
Odd one out: Newspaper, novel, magazine article?

35
Two adverbs to do with how someone may speak

26
What is an exclamation?

28
Synonym of boss

30
Name three quadrupeds

32
What do you find in the OED?

34
What is a proper noun?

36
Three connectives