

Spanish Sentence Building Games With *Part of the Whole* Cards

Play these games with the *Part of the Whole* sentence building cards on Spanish Playground.

Take time to review the vocabulary on the cards before you play. Point out that the cards have pairs of related words and that the “whole” cards use the definite article.

Give examples of the sentences with the verb form *tiene*. *Examples: El bosque tiene árboles. La cara tiene ojos. El mar tiene olas. La cocina tiene refrigerador. La casa tiene ventanas.*

Draw and Discard Sentence Building Game

Play with 2-4 players. The object is to form pairs to build sentences and get rid of your cards.

Deal each player 6 cards. Place the remaining cards face down in the center and turn the top card over beside the pile.

The first player has the option of taking the card that is face up if it lets her build a sentence with the cards in her hand. If it doesn't, she draws from the pile.

She then discards one card and places any pairs she has in her hand on the table as she says a sentence using the vocabulary on the cards.

Play continues with each player taking a card from the pile or the discard pile, discarding a card and placing matching pairs on the table to make sentences.

The first player to get rid of all her cards wins the game.

Match It Up Race (¡Ya!)

Play with 2-3 players.

To play, sort the cards into matching pairs.

Each player takes an equal number of pairs.

Players place their cards face down on the table.

On the count of 3, players flip over the cards and pair them.

When a player matches all her cards, she says “¡Ya!” and all play stops. The player who finished first says the sentences created by her cards. If one of them is wrong, the other player wins. If 3 people are playing, she is eliminated and the other players again begin to pair their cards until someone says “¡Ya!”

To play in teams, 2 players work together to match the cards.

Question Game ¿Qué tiene...?

Players work together to build sentences as one asks a question and the other answers. To play competitively, race against another team to build the sentences.

First, separate the *whole* and *part* cards. If you are playing with two teams, each team should have the same number of pairs and then separate their *whole* and *part* cards.

Place the *part* cards (the cards with no definite article), face up on the table. The *whole* cards are placed face down in front of the player who will ask the questions.

She turns one card over and asks “¿Qué tiene ...?” using the word on the card. For example, she asks *¿Qué tiene el mar?* The other player finds the card *ola* and responds “El mar tiene olas.” Those cards are set to the side.

You can also play this game by placing the pile of whole cards in the center and players can alternate drawing and asking the question.

¿Sí o no? Build Spanish Sentences Memory

Players form affirmative and negative sentences. You may want to play with a partial set of cards.

To play, first choose the pairs you want to use.

Lay the cards face down on the table in two separate groups - one group of *whole* cards and one group of *part* cards.

Players turn over one card from each group to find two related words and create a logical sentence. If the pair matches, students say the sentence (*La clase tiene estudiantes. La cara tiene ojos.*) and keep the cards.

If the cards do NOT have related words, students make a negative sentence (*El carro no tiene semillas. El año no tiene olas*), and return the cards face down to the correct groups.

The player who builds the most affirmative Spanish sentences wins the game.