

Ordinal number words jigsaw games

Instructions for teachers

Choose one of the packs of cards below, thinking about the right level of difficulty for your students.

Cut up one pack of cards per class or group of two to four students. In all of the games, the students race to put the cards into the correct order. The games are given below in approximate order of difficulty. If students have difficulty with the tasks, you can:

- Put the words out in order and then mix them up in front of the students, starting by only mixing a few cards
- Start with fewer words, maybe even just one word mixed up, then add more and more words
- Let students work together

It is also possible to play a more traditional game of dominoes with the dominoes cards, but as these are excessively easy it makes more sense to get students putting them in order as quickly as possible and then move onto more challenging and useful tasks.

If the last set of cards isn't challenging enough or you think students are doing it by using clues other than the actual spelling, an alternative game is to remove one of the cards (e.g. removing the "en" from the middle of "tenth") and see if students can spot and remember which part of the word(s) is missing after putting the remaining cards together in order.

Ordinal numbers jigsaw two-way split version

fir	st
seco	nd
thi	rd
fou	rth
fi	fth

si

xth

sev

enth

ei

ghth

ni

nth

ten

th

Ordinal numbers jigsaw three-way split version

f	ir	st
se	co	nd
th	ir	d
f	ou	rth
f	i	fth

s	i	xth
se	ve	nth
ei	gh	th
ni	n	th
t	en	th