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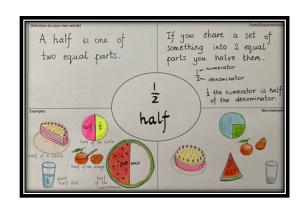
Help Sheet



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How to use Frayer Model

The Frayer Model is a graphic organiser that uses a four-square structure to explore word meanings and concepts. The focus is written in the middle of the page. The concept is then explored under the following headings: definition, key characteristics, examples, and non-examples.



Why?

- The Frayer Model is a multisensory approach that helps pupils explore background knowledge and prior experience of a word or concept.
- The structure helps pupils develop their understanding through making connections to increase comprehension.
- The Frayer Model develops vocabulary and makes the relationships between concepts explicit.
- Teaching non-examples (what the word/concept does not mean) enhances understanding.
- Completed Frayer Models are a useful reference and visual memory aid.

You will need:

- Pen and paper.
- Printed template to refer to or write on.

How?

- The Frayer Model can be used with whole groups, small groups or individually.
- Model the process of completing the Frayer Model and promote discussion.
- Once pupils are familiar with the approach, they can complete their own. This works well as part of formative assessment and will shed light on any misconceptions.
- Ensure it is multisensory. Use visuals and real-life objects to explore concepts and develop models.
- When exploring concepts, it can be helpful to emphasise synonyms and antonyms to develop vocabulary.
- The graphic organisers can be added to a working wall for pupils to refer to.

Reference:

Kingsbridge Research School. 2023. https://researchschool.org.uk

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