



Anticipation Sort

Objective

The student will use background knowledge to comprehend text.

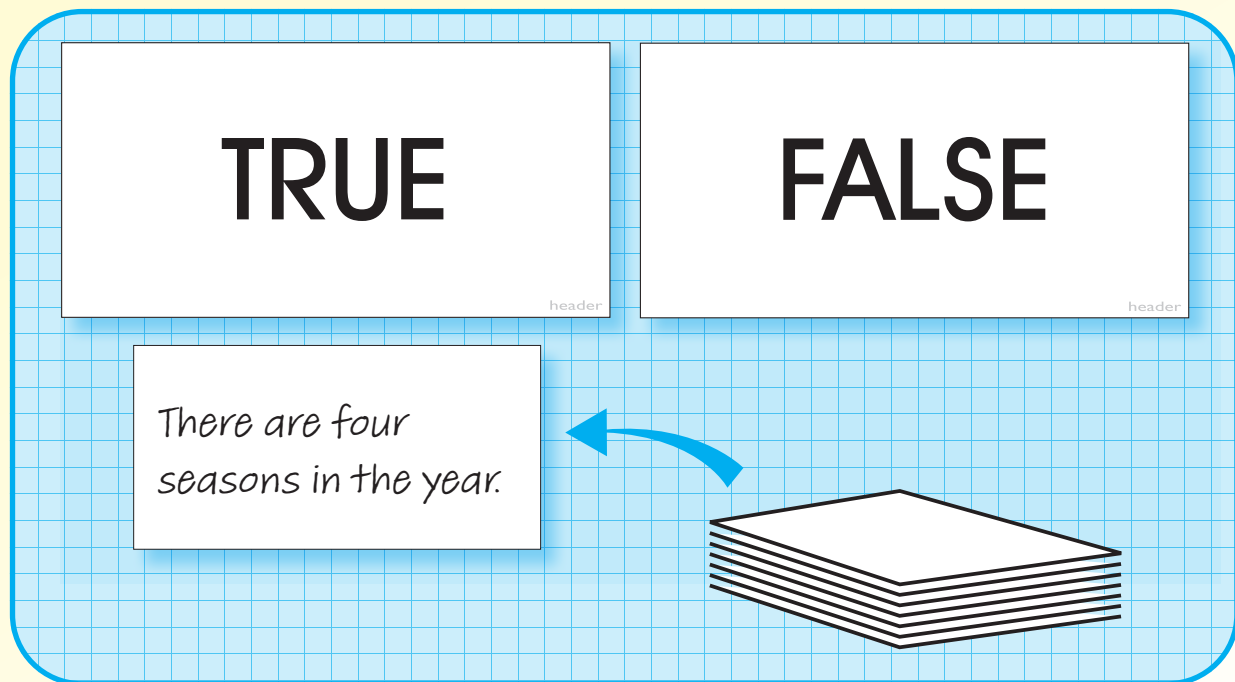
Materials

- ▶ Text
Choose text within students' instructional-independent reading level range.
- ▶ Index cards
Write true and false sentences related to the text on eight-to-ten cards (one sentence per card).
- ▶ TRUE and FALSE header cards

Activity

Students activate background knowledge by predicting if a statement is true or false.

1. Place the header cards face up on a flat surface. Place the index cards face down in stack. Place the text at the center.
2. Taking turns, students select the top card from the stack and read it aloud.
3. Decide if statement may be true or false and put under appropriate header.
4. Continue until all cards are read and sorted.
5. Partner read the entire text aloud.
6. Confirm or change the placement of the cards as a result of reading the text.
7. Peer evaluation



The diagram illustrates the Anticipation Sort activity. At the top, there are two large white boxes with blue borders, labeled "TRUE" and "FALSE" in large, bold, black letters. Each box has the word "header" written in small text at the bottom right corner. Below these boxes is a stack of index cards, represented by a stack of white rectangles with black outlines. A blue arrow points from the top card of the stack to a white box containing the sentence "There are four seasons in the year." The entire setup is on a light blue grid background.

Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Complete student sheet by answering statements before and after reading text.
Note: Teachers write true and false sentences related to the text and copy for students.

TRUE

header



FALSE

header



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before reading		after reading
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