

Relationship Card Activity

This relationship card activity can help students identify relationships between information they already know and critical content.

1. Fill out the content cards (term, fact, step in a process, and skill cards) with labels and descriptions for information that students already know as well as key pieces of critical content. Provide students with one copy of each card.
2. Provide students with several copies of each relationship card.
3. Start a timer and have students arrange their content cards in logical order with one relationship card between each one. For example, a fact card that describes the rotation of the moon around the earth might be followed by the "cause" relationship card, which in turn could be followed by a term card defining tidal motion.
4. After time is up, choose one or more students and have them read their cards in order. Record the order of the cards on the board where all students can see it. Then, reset the timer and have students see if they can come up with a different order for the cards.
5. Alternatively, you might print out a single set of cards and have the class collectively experiment with arranging them in different orders.

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Term: _____

Skill: _____

Fact: _____

Step in a Process: _____

