

TEACHER GUIDE

Trash Talk!

TO: Teachers

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The holiday season is almost here! Your classrooms are probably filled with anticipation. While your students are thinking about what they want and anticipating what they hope to get, this is a good time to discuss wants versus needs. It's also a great time to talk about selecting reused or reusable products, instead of brand-new or single-use items. For instance, using cloth napkins, rather than disposables, is a simple, cost-effective, and waste-reducing habit.

Inside this Teacher Guide, you'll find an extension activity, as well as journal and reuse ideas that can be quickly implemented as daily work supplements to the proficiencies you teach every day. You'll also find Teacher Keys for the activities inside *Trash Talk!*

Activity	Subject Areas	Skills Addressed
"Name That Sentence"	<i>Language Arts</i>	Understanding sentence types; Demonstrating use of proper ending punctuation
"On Average"	<i>Math</i>	Organizing simple data set to answer question; Calculating average with currency
"Logically Speaking"	<i>Math</i>	Employing critical thinking skills to analyze a problem by identifying relationships and then sequencing and prioritizing information
"As Simple As a Simile"	<i>Language Arts</i>	Constructing similes; Writing using figurative language and varied word choices
"What's the Label Say?"	<i>Math</i>	Solving real-world problems using currency and weight
	<i>Science</i>	Using measurements to make scientific comparisons; Using numerical data to compare objects
	<i>Social Studies</i>	Understanding the concept of price and the manner in which price affects spending decisions
"Reduce & Save"	<i>Art</i>	Discriminating among visual structures
	<i>Social Studies</i>	Identifying elements of a personal budget and explaining why personal saving and spending decisions are important

Trash Talk! is produced locally to meet our needs in educating students about waste reduction and recycling. Please contact us with your suggestions or questions.

Reuse Ideas

Math

- Look at “What’s the Label Say?” and then answer these questions: If a shopper bought one bag of each product shown, how much would he spend? If he paid with a \$100 bill, how much change would he get back?
- In “On Average,” if one family made \$302, how much total did the other five families make? If those five families split the remainder equally, how much would each family receive?

Language Arts

- Using the code in “Reduce & Save,” create your own secret message. Have a classmate decode your message.
- Find and correct the errors in this sentence:
The naborhood held a gerage sail.
- Write these words in **ABC** (alphabetical) order:
pet pizza perfect product pepperoni

Science

- In this group, cross out the word that does not belong:
ounce pound serving gram

Social Studies

- What is a “community food pantry”? What does it do? How does it collect/receive food? Whom does it serve? Why would a community need a food pantry?

Analogies

- sentence : paragraph :: _____ : book
- cleats : football :: _____ : hockey

Journal Writing Prompts

- List five things that your family likes to do during winter vacation. Which of these is your favorite activity?
- Describe the best present you ever received. Who gave it to you? Why did you like it?
- Choose one person in your family. What is the best thing about that person? Why?
- I wish all people would...
- List the five funniest movies you have seen. What do these movies have in common?

Extension Activity: Rap It Up!

Copy the blackline master on the next page for each student.
(Remember to copy them onto the back of reused paper, if possible.)



Teacher Keys



On average, each family made \$217.00.

Logically Speaking

Tariq collected the most cans of food.

Name That Sentence



	Sentence Type	Ending Punctuation
1.	E	!
2.	Q	?
3.	S	.
4.	C	.
5.	C	.
6.	S	.
7.	Q	?
8.	E (or S)	! (or .)
9.	S	.
10.	C	.
11.	Q	?
12.	E	!
13.	C	.
14.	Q	?
15.	S	.



Buy only what your family really needs!

What's the Label Say?

LABEL 1

Cost per pound: \$2.80

LABEL 2

BEST BUY!

Cost per pound: \$1.43

LABEL 3

Cost per ounce: \$0.60

Cost per serving: \$1.79

LABEL 4

BEST BUY!

Cost per ounce: \$0.32

Cost per serving: \$0.96

