

# Alpha Boxes

## After Reading Strategy

**Purpose:** Alpha Boxes is an after reading strategy that promotes reflection, summarizes main points, increases vocabulary, and monitors comprehension. Students first work individually before coming together in pairs or small groups for this strategy.

**Directions:**

1. After reading, each student thinks of words that reflect the important points in the text and inserts he/her words into the appropriate alphabox on the form.
2. In small groups students share their words. When sharing their words, the students must justify why the word is important.
3. After sharing their words, group members create a compilation of the most interesting words generated in their sharing. The group members must be able to justify the inclusion of any word on their list in relation to its importance or significance to the text.
4. The class then comes together to create a class compilation of the most interesting words. These words can become the list for a "topic word wall."

Source: Hoyt, Linda: Revisit, Reflect, Retell

**Sample: Earth Bound Asteroids**

A atmosphere asteroid	B bypass	C crater comets	D detect deflect	E earth explode	F	G
H	I impact interloper incinerate	J	K	L	M mass	N NEO's
O orbit	P prevent path	Q	R	S species scientist	T track	U
V	W	X	Y years	Z		