

# Printable Student Response Cards



## What are Student Response Cards?

A strategy to empower all students to actively engage and respond to questions asked in the classroom to check understanding and knowledge of content. Student Response Cards can be used for all ages and content areas as a tool to increase student engagement.

## Using Student Response Cards:

- Prior to using Student Response Cards, ensure a set is created for ALL students in the classroom. Having a few extra on-hand is recommended *just in case*.
- Plan time for teaching students how to use Student Response Cards. Direct instruction has been found by research to be a strong indicator of student success. Modeling the use of the cards further increases the likelihood of student success.
- During a lesson:
  - Cue students to which cards will be needed for the lesson/questions.
  - Ask a question to the class regarding information just covered in your lesson.
  - Cue students “Cards Up” for all students to display their chosen answer/card.
  - Quick scan across the classroom to see each student’s answer to get an idea of who has a grasp on the information presented and who does not.
  - Encourage students to keep cards facing the teacher and avoid looking at the responses of other students. Though research indicates students who change their answers to match other students are learning, too.

## When to use Student Response Cards:

Use Student Response Cards at any time during a lesson to check for understanding:

- Periodically throughout the input section of the lesson to keep students engaged during Independent Practice to gauge understanding
- When playing a review game where students answer questions
- At the beginning of a lesson to activate prior knowledge
- At the end of a lesson to check for overall understanding of important concepts

## Recommended Printing of THESE Cards:

- Print only the pages needed
- When cutting the cards, it is recommended to trim edges then cut response cards in strips, folding along the centerline to increase the thickness of the card.
- Laminating these cards is recommended for durability.
- Consider hole punching and using book binding rings ([example](#)) for ensuring sets remain together.

## Resources:

- [The Teacher Toolkit: Student Response Cards](#)
- [Autism Hub Using Response Cards](#)
- [How to Know What They Know: Using SRCs](#)
- [Using Response Cards in Inclusive Classrooms](#)
- [Instructional Strategies to Increase Success With Learning and Behavior](#) - TM Scott, PhD
- [Video: Elementary use](#)
- [Video: Secondary use](#)
- [Meta-Analysis of the Research on Response Cards](#)

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**True**

**False**

**Yes**

**No**

**A**

**B**



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**Ready**

**Not Ready**

**Easy**

**Hard**

**Big Deal**

**Little Deal**

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Green	Red
Yellow	Blue
Orange	Purple