Make Sure of Your Target

SEE WHAT YOU REALLY SEE, NOT WHAT YOU WANT TO!

PURPOSE:

Use the following signs to help students determine if what they see is actually what is there. Note: the signs must look exactly as presented below (same spacing and layout, but not the red!). Masters are on pages 14 - 16.

PROCESS:

1. Use the posters on the following three pages to test accuracy.

2. Ask a student to read one of the signs aloud to the class. Ask another to read the same sign. Switch to the other two signs, each time asking several students to read the sign aloud.

3. If everyone misses the mistake, ask the class to look more carefully. Usually, someone will see the repeated word error when they take the time to concentrate.

WRAP UP:

4. This provides a great opportunity to discuss the importance of positively identifying a target before shooting, and how our minds can fool us into thinking something is what it is not.

A bird in the hand

Look before you leap

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