

Abra-Ca-Dabra/Hocus Pocus

Why?

- Use Abra-Ca-Dabra to exemplify and reinforce the power of the adjective.
- To provide opportunity for students to use context clues in a fun format
- To practice listening skills and to work in a cooperative group
- To generate descriptive vocabulary

How?

- Select a passage or story with lots of adjectives.
- Explain the procedure to the students, reminding them that they will need to listen very carefully.
- Read the story, substituting "Abra-Ca-Dabra" or "Hocus Pocus" for some of the adjectives in the story.
- Students listen for the magic words and work in small cooperative groups to guess the correct words.
- Note: sometimes the students will like their words better than those of the author!

Option: Focus on nouns or verbs instead of adjectives.

