Starting Word Search:



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**Instructions:** The word search has all the words contained in the NSDA mission statement:

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We created a fill in the blank with each letter kind of code. For example, the first two words might be listed as **- H - - A - - - N - -** (the words “the” and “national” go there). We would then circle one of the blanks as a key letter. Once students have found all the key letters, they spell out a word, although not necessarily in the order they were found. This year, since the topic was arms sales, we had students find four key letters: “**S**” “**A**” “**L**” and “**E**.” It was interesting that students first tried SEAL and ALES before thinking about the topic. They got there eventually.

**Word List:**

AND

ASSOCIATION

COMMITTED

COMMUNITY

COMPETITIVE

CONNECTS

DEBATE

DIVERSE

EMPOWERING

INSPIRES

NATIONAL

SPEECH

STUDENTS

SUPPORTS

THE

THROUGH

Website used: <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/code/BuildWordSearch.asp>

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