

### Activity Type

Reading and speaking activity, group work

### Language Focus

Vocabulary revision

### Aim

To think of words of a certain length that begin with specific letters.

### Preparation

None

### Level

Any

### Time

20 minutes

### Introduction

In this challenging word game, students think of words of a certain length that begin with specific letters.

### Procedure

Divide the students into teams of four or five.

Write a five-letter word at the top left of the board, e.g. table.

For young learners, you can start with a three-letter word.

Teams then take it in turns to call out a word that begins with the last letter of your word, e.g. e.

Each word called out must meet or exceed the minimum number of letters in your word.

Teams are allowed to use plurals to meet the minimum, but they are not allowed to repeat words.

As each word is called out, write it underneath the word in a line.

Example:

table

elbow, editor, error, elbows, erase

When all the teams have called out a word, write a new word underneath and increase the minimum number of letters by one, e.g. scream.

If a team can't think of a word, start a countdown from ten. If the countdown goes to zero, that team is out of the game.

The last team left standing wins the game.

As a variation, for each line, you can have the teams call out a word that begins with the last letter of the word written on the board, e.g. elbow, water, report, teach, hello.

In this case, add an extra rule that teams are not allowed to call out words ending in 'y' as this limits the game.

You can also have the students spell words as well as call them out.