

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game:
forming words from
prompts (group work)

Focus

Vocabulary revision

Aim

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

Preparation

None

Level

Any

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this challenging word game, students form 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 on the board, e.g. table.

For young learners, 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, 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.

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.