

# Forbidden!

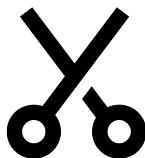
## Level 1



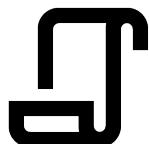
80 game cards with a well-balanced mix of nouns, adjectives, and verbs covering all areas of vocabulary: places, people, activities, feelings, things...



A fun game which makes your students think outside the box, develop their describing skills, and improve their vocabulary.



Print-ready design: just print it out, cut the cards and you're good to go!



For a quick overview, you can find the list with all the words on the third page of this document.



Recommended language level: A2-B1/B2

# Rules

Cut out the cards and give them to your students, keeping the cards face down. A student picks a card, doesn't show it to the others, and tries to describe the word in bold without using the four other words on the card – they are *forbidden*. It's also forbidden to use the root words (e.g. weekend: week, end). Students take turns describing the words. The other students are trying to guess the word.

The student who describes the word gets two points if another student successfully guesses their word, and the one who guessed the word gets one point. And the student with the most points wins!

The game is also a lot of fun without keeping score, and it can even be played in 1-on-1 classes between a teacher and their student.

## Example

Target word: coffee

Forbidden words: tired, energy, drink, morning

*"This word is a noun, it's basically water with something, lots of adults love it and have it every day, it's usually brown or dark..."*

**coffee**

tired

energy

drink

morning

## Tips

- If your students struggle with some of the cards, allow them to use one of the forbidden words.
- If you want to make the game extra challenging and competitive, give each student a time limit (e.g. 2 minutes) and see who can manage to describe the most words!

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## Word List

a word	a car	to work	married
dangerous	to save	a museum	to speak
a war	tired	an invitation	poor
a teacher	a computer	to travel	a weekend
a mountain	wine	a fire	a photo
to learn	to sleep	a hike	a desert
knife	a park	music	a cinema
strong	a cigarette	dirty	smart
coffee	to dance	a politician	late
a fridge	an e-mail	a religion	a sofa
sick	a window	weather	to buy
fog	an artist	to run	boring
to love	sad	a holiday	complicated
lazy	a mirror	sugar	to play
to kiss	a pillow	a dictionary	a surprise
garbage	to hunt	a ring	angry
stressed	a forest	to ski	a paper
a bike	a beach	crazy	a shower
a flower	to fish	expensive	a prison
a secretary	a train	funny	to repair

<b>a word</b> sentence letter speak write	<b>a car</b> drive vehicle wheels engine	<b>to work</b> job earn office money	<b>married</b> wedding husband wife ring
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<b>dangerous</b> safe snake injury die	<b>to save</b> money time bank spend	<b>a museum</b> old history quiet art	<b>to speak</b> talk language mouth say
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<b>a war</b> weapon soldier conflict fight	<b>tired</b> sleep work exhausted coffee	<b>an invitation</b> party guest wedding come	<b>poor</b> money rich buy pay
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<b>a teacher</b> school explain learn student	<b>a computer</b> work play e-mail Internet	<b>to travel</b> holiday fly tourist abroad	<b>a weekend</b> day two free work
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