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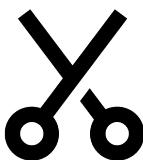
Level 2



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: B1-C1

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

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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 bathtub	similar	progress	to waste
education	a fairy tale	to punch	amazing
exhausted	a lawyer	success	to pray
silent	a surgery	outside	to shout
a programmer	disappointed	a basement	to rest
a cave	to complain	an opinion	retired
to steal	a battle	a pharmacy	unbelievable
a mosquito	a cemetery	a culture	sharp
a government	an illness	to arrive	confused
to destroy	electricity	forbidden	friendship
guilty	a hero	to invent	magic
messy	a nightmare	painful	a capital
a rainforest	popular	a rope	romantic
a salary	to touch	technology	unemployed
a solution	scared	to earn	to regret
to protect	a monster	original	personal
a competition	international	to laugh	literature
to improve	honest	a guest	experienced
an emergency	disgusting	a butcher	an excuse
confident	to disappear	foreign	a journey

a programmer computer code IT software	disappointed fail sad satisfied frustrated	a basement under house dark cold	to rest tired sleep holiday energy
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a cave ground deep hole dark	to complain dissatisfied restaurant annoyed service	an opinion think attitude discussion issue	retired work old pension job
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to steal rob thief money take	a battle fight war win soldier	a pharmacy pills medication healthy sick	unbelievable shocked see amazing true
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a mosquito insect blood bite itchy	a cemetery dead ground grave coffin	culture music art theatre gallery	sharp knife blunt cut blood
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