GAME 1

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Categories

A1-A2 · whole class · 10 minutes · the chat

Letter	A food	A job	Something you wear	A room or a thing in a house	Something you do in the morning
S	salad	a secretary	socks	a sofa	take a shower

LETTERS TO PLAY **B** **C** **D** **F** **G** **H** **L** **M** **P** **T** **W**

Cross out each letter when you use it.

1. The teacher says a letter.
2. You have one minute. Type a word for every category in the chat, but **don't press Enter**.
3. When the teacher says **Go**, everyone presses Enter at the same time.
4. A word scores one point, but only if no other player wrote it.

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GAME 2

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Connections

A1 to B1 · pairs in breakout rooms · 10 minutes · this slide

NURSE	SCARF	FRIDGE	FOG
KETTLE	PILOT	RAIN	BELT
CHEF	OVEN	JACKET	SNOW
WIND	SINK	FARMER	BOOTS

YOUR FOUR GROUPS

Group 1 _____

because _____

Group 2 _____

because _____

Group 3 _____

because _____

Group 4 _____

because _____

> **Careful: one word looks like it fits two groups. Only one group needs it.**

1. Find four groups of four words that belong together.
2. Every group needs a reason: *They are all jobs.*
3. Send your four groups and your reasons to the teacher in a private chat message.
4. The first pair with four correct groups and four reasons wins.

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GAME 3

Just One

A2-B1 · groups of 4 or more · 15 minutes · private chat

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THINGS	PLACES	EVENTS	EVERYDAY LIFE
☐ umbrella	☐ library	☐ wedding	☐ headache
☐ passport	☐ airport	☐ traffic jam	☐ neighbor
☐ toothbrush	☐ beach	☐ birthday	☐ homework
☐ ladder	☐ supermarket	☐ job interview	☐ breakfast
☐ pillow	☐ hospital	☐ picnic	☐ weekend

RULES FOR A CLUE

- One word only.
- Not the secret word, and not part of it.
- Not a translation.
- Two players send the same clue? Both clues are removed.

Secret word: umbrella

Clues: ~~rain~~ ~~rain~~ open wet bag

Both players sent rain, so it is removed. The guesser sees open, wet, bag.

CLASS SCORE

___ out of 10

Beat it next time.

1. One player is the guesser. Send the secret word to every other player in private chat.
2. Each player sends you one clue word, also in private.
3. Remove any clue that appears twice. Paste the other clues into the main chat.
4. The guesser has one guess. The class plays ten words and keeps one score together.

GAME 4

Keep private

Three Banned Words

B1-B2 · two teams · 15 minutes · private chat

commute DON'T SAY work, travel, train	**landlord** DON'T SAY house, rent, owner	**deadline** DON'T SAY time, finish, project	**receipt** DON'T SAY paper, shop, pay
alarm clock DON'T SAY wake up, morning, ring	**vacation** DON'T SAY holiday, travel, beach	**interview** DON'T SAY job, questions, company	**refund** DON'T SAY money, back, return
leftovers DON'T SAY food, dinner, eat	**ingredients** DON'T SAY cook, recipe, food	**password** DON'T SAY computer, secret, log in	**traffic jam** DON'T SAY cars, road, late

PASTE THESE IN THE CHAT FOR THE EXPLAINERS

It's a kind of ...

It's the thing you use to ...

It's what you do when ...

It's a person who ...

It's the opposite of ...

1. Copy one card into a private chat message to the explainer, and to one player on the other team.
2. The explainer describes the word to their team without saying it or any of the three banned words.
3. The other team listens for banned words.
4. One point for each word guessed in 90 seconds. A banned word gives the point to the other team.

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GAME 5

Code Words

B1-B2 · two teams · 20 minutes · this slide and the key on page 9

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A1 SPRING	A2 LIGHT	A3 BANK	A4 MATCH	A5 RING
B1 TRAIN	B2 WATCH	B3 GLASS	B4 PARK	B5 FAIR
C1 NAIL	C2 KEY	C3 DATE	C4 CHEST	C5 LETTER
D1 RULER	D2 WAVE	D3 STAR	D4 FILE	D5 CHANGE
E1 NOTE	E2 ROCK	E3 PLATE	E4 BAR	E5 SHOWER

Pink team
8 words · starts

Green team
7 words

One trap word
Choose it and your team loses.

A clue is one word and a number: *money, 2* means two of your words are about money.

Every word here has two meanings. Use both.

1. Each team has a clue-giver. The teacher sends the key from page 9 to both clue-givers in private chat.
2. The clue-giver says one word and a number. The team says the squares they choose: *B3, glass.*
3. Your team's word: choose again. The other team's word or a word for nobody: your turn ends.
4. The first team to find all its words wins. The trap word loses the game at once.

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GAME 6

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Hot Seat

B1-B2 · two teams · 10 minutes · a 90-second timer

ROUND 1 · WORK	ROUND 2 · HOME	ROUND 3 · TRAVEL	ROUND 4 · HEALTH
meeting	laundry	boarding pass	headache
salary	vacuum cleaner	luggage	pharmacy
colleague	dishwasher	delay	appointment
overtime	doorbell	souvenir	sore throat
promotion	roof	sunscreen	prescription

The player in the hot seat looks away from the screen or minimizes the call window, and keeps the sound on.

1. One player from Team A is in the hot seat and can't see this slide.
2. Team A describes the words of one round, in order, until the player says each one.
3. Stuck? Say **pass** and go to the next word.
4. Count the words guessed in 90 seconds. Then Team B plays the next round. Play all four rounds.

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GAME 7

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Just a Minute

B2-C1 · groups of 4 · 15 minutes · a timer

1

The worst job I can imagine

tedious · deadline · overtime · colleague · quit

2

A city I would move to tomorrow

cost of living · commute · neighborhood · climate · settle down

3

Why everyone is so busy

overwhelmed · schedule · prioritize · burn out · switch off

4

My perfect weekend

sleep in · spontaneous · recharge · catch up with · unwind

5

Phones at the dinner table

rude · distracted · scroll · notification · make a rule

6

A skill every adult needs

budget · from scratch · negotiate · patience · worth it

7

Shopping online or in a store

convenient · return · delivery · impulse buy · try on

8

Something I changed my mind about

used to · convinced · admit · realize · point of view

CHALLENGE FOR **hesitation** **repetition** **a word used wrongly** Type ! in the chat. The chat shows who was first.

1. The speaker takes a topic and talks for 60 seconds. Use all five target words.
2. No hesitation, and don't repeat a word (except small words like *the* or *and*).
3. A fair challenge? The challenger takes over the topic for the rest of the minute.
4. The speaker at 60 seconds gets a point, plus one point for each target word used correctly.

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GAME 8

Shades of Meaning

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B2-C1 · teams of 3 · 15 minutes · this slide

How happy?

delighted | content | ecstatic | happy | pleased

MILD — STRONG

How angry?

furious | annoyed | livid | irritated | angry

MILD — STRONG

How tired?

exhausted | a bit tired | worn out | dead on my feet | tired

MILD — STRONG

How scared?

terrified | uneasy | petrified | nervous | scared

MILD — STRONG

How good?

outstanding | fine | excellent | decent | good

MILD — STRONG

How much do you like it?

love | don't mind | adore | like | can't live without

MILD — STRONG

1. Each team puts the words of one row in order, from mild to strong.
2. Type your order in the chat. Two minutes a row.
3. The teacher shows the order from page 9. One point for each row in the right order.
4. Different order? Win the point anyway with an example sentence that shows why.

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TEACHER

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Answer key

for the teacher · pages 1, 2, 5 and 8

GAME 5 · CODE WORDS KEY (SEND TO BOTH CLUE-GIVERS)

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Pink team · Green team · Trap · Nobody

GAME 2 · CONNECTIONS

Jobs: nurse, pilot, farmer, chef

Clothes: scarf, belt, jacket, boots

In the kitchen: fridge, oven, sink, kettle

Weather: fog, rain, snow, wind

The trap: chef looks like a kitchen word, but the jobs group needs it.

GAME 8 · SHADES OF MEANING, MILD TO STRONG

How happy? content → pleased → happy → delighted → ecstatic
Both orders accepted: content and pleased.

How angry? irritated → annoyed → angry → furious → livid
Both orders accepted: irritated and annoyed; furious and livid.

How tired? a bit tired → tired → worn out → exhausted → dead on my feet
Both orders accepted: worn out and exhausted.

How scared? uneasy → nervous → scared → terrified → petrified
Both orders accepted: terrified and petrified.

How good? fine → decent → good → excellent → outstanding
Both orders accepted: fine and decent.

How much do you like it? don't mind → like → love → adore → can't live without
Both orders accepted: love and adore.

GAME 1 · CATEGORIES, ONE ANSWER FOR EVERY LETTER

B bread, builder, boots, bed, brush your teeth. **C** cheese, cook, coat, chair, have coffee. **D** donut, doctor, dress, desk, get dressed. **F** fish, farmer, flip-flops, fridge, feed the cat. **G** grapes, guide, gloves, garage, get up. **H** ham, hairdresser, hat, hall, have breakfast. **L** lemon, lawyer, leggings, lamp, leave home. **M** milk, mechanic, mittens, mirror, make the bed. **P** pasta, pilot, pajamas, pillow, pack a bag. **T** tomato, teacher, T-shirt, table, take a shower. **W** water, waiter, watch, window, wake up.

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