

GAMES and ACTIVITIES

The following games are an excellent way to recycle vocabulary.

Roll, Say and Keep

- Put a flashcard on each square of the game board. Participants roll the dice and look at the number rolled (1-6).
- They then look at the game board and say what the picture is on the flashcard that is on the matching number.
- Any flashcard, question phrase, etc could work for this game.

Board Game

- Place the **mini picture flashcards** on the game board on one of the large spaces. Place the matching **mini word flashcards** on the other one.
- Ps roll the die and whichever number the roll they move their man that many squares.
- They look at the color theme of that square and pick up a flashcard from that same color theme on the larger square.
- They say what the picture is or read the word depending on the flashcard.

Matching Cards

- Ps lay out all the mini picture flashcards and all the mini word flashcards and match them.

Go Fish

- Go Fish can be played with 2 or more players. Participants each get 5 cards. They try to find matches for the cards they have by asking the other players for a match. They practice the English vocabulary.
- For example if they are playing Go Fish with cards about community they would look at the cards in their hand and maybe ask, “Do you have a park?” The P they asked looks at his cards and if he has a picture of a park then he gives it to the other P. That P now has a match. He puts the pair down on the table. If he doesn’t have a picture of a park he says, “Go Fish”.
- Ps should always have 5 cards in their hands. So if one lays down 2 cards as a match s/he must take more cards from the pile to bring it back up to 5.
- The P with the most matches at the end of the game wins!

Jigsaws

Jigsaws are a way to get Ps talking to one another. In a Jigsaw, information is given on a topic and this information is usually divided into 4 equal parts and distributed to small groups to learn.

When these homogeneous groups have mastered the material the participants regroup into heterogeneous groups to present material and complete a task.

So the groups in the first stage would look like this:

AA	BB	CC	DD
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Then after they have learned the material they would move to a new group and the groups would look like this:

AB	AB	AB	AB
CD	CD	CD	CD

In this 2nd group they take turns telling the new group members about the material and information they just learned.

Say and Pass

- This works well as a way to practice new vocabulary.
- With Ps sitting in a circle, hand out flashcards of pictures and have Ps say what the picture is and then pass this picture onto their neighbor.
- Meanwhile, at the same time, everyone else in the class is saying out loud what their picture is and passing to their neighbour. Everyone Saying and Passing at the same time makes for a very noisy room, but lots of great conversation practice is going on.

Art Gallery

- When learning vocabulary in a theme Ps need a lot of practice and repetition.
- Place the flashcards of this vocabulary on the wall like an art gallery of paintings and have the Ps move about at their own pace looking at the picture and saying what it is.
- Alternatively if you don't want to tape it to the wall, put it on the desks and they can walk around and look at the pictures on the desks.