

VOCABULARY CARD GAMES

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TEACHER

Below you will find 18 pre-printed word cards. The words may be new or difficult for beginning English students. The words are found in the conversations and instructions of Unit 1. These card games are intended to help students familiarize themselves with new vocabulary.

Next to each word card is a blank card. Give each student a copy of the following pre-printed vocabulary cards and the blank cards. If you can, photocopy the cards onto construction or any other kind of thick paper. This will prevent the pictures and words from being seen when the cards are turned face down.

Before students begin playing, they must cut out the cards. For each vocabulary word card, they must draw a simple picture or other representation on the blank card that accompanies it. (You may want to give this as homework and tell the students to bring the cards with them to your next class.)

Here are two games that are very easy to explain.

KARUTA

(Best with two or more players. You will need one set of picture OR word cards for each group of students.)

1. The students mix up their picture cards and put them face up on a table.
2. The teacher calls out a vocabulary word.
3. The students find the picture to go with the vocabulary word.
4. The student who finds the most pictures wins.

After the students have played this game using the picture cards, try using the word cards. (This is great sight word practice.)

CONCENTRATION

(Best with two or more players. You will need one set of picture AND word cards for each group of students.)

1. The students mix up their cards and put them face down on a table.
2. The first student turns over two cards. If the picture and the word match, the student holds onto the cards and gets to pick another two cards. If they don't match, the student returns the cards to the table face down, and the turn goes to the next student.
3. Students continue playing until all cards have been matched and taken off the table.
4. The student with the most pairs wins.

neighbor	
upstairs	
coffee shop	
alphabet	
people	
photo	

phone booth	
classmate	
landlady	
apartment	
city	
move	

partner	
conversation	
postcard	
friendly	
country	
write	