

Ph.D. BINGO

Purpose: Yes, even TOEFL® students love BINGO! For the TOEFL® iBT test, students need to be familiar with academic vocabulary from various disciplines - from the Arts to Zoology. This activity is a fun way to practice and review vocabulary. It is also an easy way to review challenging vocabulary from a practice test. Here is a sample BINGO game using college survival vocabulary needed for the Listening and Speaking sections of the test.

Organization: Individuals or pairs

Preparation: 25 vocabulary words from a particular subject area that have already been presented. A definition for each word on separate slips of paper (folded and placed in a bag). Chalkboard for teacher, paper and pen for students. A BINGO sheet for each student (see sample below). Prizes (optional).

Time: 30-40 minutes

Procedure:

Variation 1 - Review of academic vocabulary

1. Choose for review 25 vocabulary items covered in class from a single academic content area. Write them on the board. (For example, for Archaeology, you might have *excavate, ruins, Bronze Age, ceramic, fossils, etc.*).
2. Briefly review the definitions. Ask students to define or share what they know about the words and ideas that are up on the board.
3. Give students an empty BINGO sheet with 16 squares.
4. Have students choose 16 of the 25 vocabulary words and write one in each square.
5. Review the rules of BINGO.
 - a. The BINGO Master (the teacher) randomly draws a definition from the bag and reads it aloud.
 - b. If the definition of a word corresponds to a vocabulary word on his/her BINGO sheet, the student draws an X through that word.
 - c. When a student gets 4 words across in any direction (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally), that student yells "BINGO!"
 - d. The student reads the words aloud to the teacher to check that they are correct.

- e. Go for a 2nd or 3rd winner in the same game by continuing play. Or have students exchange sheets, begin again, and mark words with O's instead of X's.
- 6. Play the game and have fun!

Variation 2 - Test review

Follow the same procedure using words you'd like to review from a TOEFL® iBT practice test.

Sample BINGO sheet with 16 squares

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PhD BINGO Worksheet #1 - College Survival Vocabulary

Students will need these words to understand the conversations in both the Listening and Speaking sections of the test. We suggest working with them in class and using BINGO to practice and review.

Add/Drop	adding or removing a class from your schedule at the beginning of a term.
Advisor	a staff member or professor who gives advice on programs and classes.
BA	Bachelor of Arts - a 4-year university degree in the Humanities or Social Sciences.
Dorm	Dormitory. on-campus student housing.
Electives	classes not required for a major.
Final	an exam given at the end of a course.
Fraternity	a social club for men at a college or university.
General Requirements	introductory courses in different subjects that all students must take.
MA	Master of Arts - a graduate degree in the Humanities or Social Sciences.
Major	the subject a student specializes in during college.
Midterm	an exam given halfway through a course.
Minor	a subject that a student takes extra courses in but doesn't choose as a major.
Office hours	a time when a student can meet privately with a professor to ask questions, review work, or discuss class topics.
PhD	the highest university degree a person can get.
Plagiarism	using someone else's ideas or words for a course paper or project.
Prerequisite	a class or proficiency required before a student can take a particular class, without citing the source.
Quiz	a short test.
Sorority	a social club for women at a college or university.
Spring Break	typically a one-week holiday in March or April.

Student union	center where students can socialize, study and/or buy food.
Syllabus	written outline of a course handed out by the professor on the first day of class.
TA	Teaching Assistant. graduate student who assists a professor by meeting regularly with a small group of students who are part of a large lecture class.
Term paper	a research paper due at the end of a course.
Transcripts	official records of student work, showing courses and grades.
Units	the credit or point value of a course.
Work study	an on-campus job that's considered financial aid.