



TEAM BUILDING 1: GAMES

Apparently, work has been exhausting all year, and teamwork is one of the ways to recharge employees and strengthen the bond within the company. Imagine you're in a camp with your coworkers and your boss divided you into groups to perform some activities. Each game requires specific skills. It can be a tag of war, mountain climbing, or fashion show. In any changes, you can also encounter some games that may require more of your thinking skills rather than physical stamina. In this lesson, you will learn some essential elements in learning language, particularly English.

CHARADES

It's quite popular in different countries and has been played by many with no particular age range. Charades is a riddle game in which a player must guess the hidden word through the actions of others. In deeper understanding of this game. First, each word contains one or more syllables. Familiarizing syllables of each word would be a great help in finding the right answer correctly. But, it's not that easy.

Both chocolate (chä-klət) and colonel (kər-nl) have two syllables based on their pronunciation. Star (stär), sky (skī), and sleep (slēp) have one syllable—considering that /s/ is an unvoiced sound and doesn't count if it follows a consonant. There are also homophones or homonyms (don't be confused with homographs).

HOMOPHONES

diff. meaning,
same pronunciation
diff. spelling

HOMONYMS

diff. meaning,
same pronunciation
same spelling

HOMOGRAPHS

diff. meaning
diff. pronunciation
same spelling

SYNONYMS

same meaning,
diff. pronunciation
diff. spelling

For further understanding, these are a few examples of homophones.

know - no
eight - ate
poor - pour

to - too
flower - flour
hole - whole

male - mail
board - bored
our - our

This game also includes types of words—person, animal, place and events. Classifying nouns can help to identify a word even faster. Person includes both random names and body parts. Names can either be famous athletes, influencers, celebrities, writers, or journalists. Body parts can be an external or internal organ depending on the chosen word. Don't get confused with teeth, which are considered as external ones. On the other hand, animals contain themselves, divided into classes—terrestrial (land), aquatic (water), or aerial animals, either companion (pet) livestock (farm), or undomesticated (wild) animals. Here are some examples to differentiate the three:



PET

dogs
cats
horses
rabbits
ferrets
birds
guinea pigs

FARM

cattle
sheep
goat
poultry
pig
chicken
cattle

WILD

red fox
serval
leopard cat
fishing cat
nutria
swan goose
golden hamster

Things include inanimate objects, even foods and colors. Places are either countries, cities, or famous tourist spots. Lastly, events are not often included but can also be included. These can be situations or any special events like 'birthday' or 'Christmas'.

FIND THE WORD

There's also a popular game where players were asked to find a word on a particular book with just a few hints given by the hosts. The first team or player to give the answer will get a point. The technique used in this game is scanning—a style of reading where you rapidly look across the text specifically to find a key word or number you need.

scanning - reading quickly to find specific information on a text

skimming - reading quickly to locate general information of a text

There are some guides to win this game. Firstly, most of the books provide a table of contents in the beginning part. Each section or part of the book has a different topic which can help you to get on your page or content. It also contains page numbers to indicate where specifically are the lessons in the book.

Let's see your skills. Pick up a nearest book, open it to page 23. Count to eight lines and share about the sentence you found. You may relate to that too.

Having educational games is fun and upskilling. Learning each principle will help the players to enjoy the games more while learning. Try it with your friends and train your brain in a very creative way.