

Vocabulary Tennis

Aim: Help Ss review categories of words in a fun way.

Levels: All

Preparation: None

Comment: Use to review vocabulary.

- Divide the class into two teams (A and B).
- Explain the game. Call out a category (e.g., jobs). Team A “serves” by saying a word in that category (e.g., *teacher*). Team B “returns the serve” by saying a different word from that category (e.g., *nurse*). The teams take turns saying words from the category.
- The game continues until one team can’t think of any more words. The other team gets a point.
- Call out a different category (e.g., colors, furniture, leisure activities, adjectives) and play the game again.
- The team with the most points wins.

Variation: Bring a balloon to class. Teams A and B stand on opposite sides of the room. When Team A says a word, it “serves” the balloon to Team B. Team B must say a different word before the balloon reaches its side of the room. If Team B doesn’t say a word or drops the balloon, Team A gets a point.