

Activities to build vocabulary skills

Connections

Aims:

Work as a team. Listen to others. Explain your ideas.

Improve your vocabulary.

These word cards can be sorted into 4 groups of 4 cards. Each group is linked by a theme, a meaning or something similar about the words. Look out for tricks! What are the groups? How are they linked?

yell	roar
bellow	howl
ocelot	leopard
cheetah	jaguar
under	below
beneath	lower down
teeth	tongue
saliva	gums

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Odd one out</u></p> <p>Aims: Work as a team. Listen to others. Explain your ideas. Improve your vocabulary.</p> <p>One of these words is the odd one out. Which one? Why that one? Is there more than one answer?</p>	<p>pie</p>
<p>mine</p>	<p>line</p>
<p>pictogram</p>	<p>bar</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Orders</u></p> <p>Aims: Work as a team. Listen to others. Explain your ideas. Improve your vocabulary. Use a dictionary.</p> <p>These word cards can be put into order, from the slowest to the fastest. If you are not sure of the meaning of a word, look it up. There may be more than one way to order these words.</p>	<p>rocket</p>
<p>saunter</p>	<p>crawl</p>
<p>hurry</p>	<p>amble</p>
<p>dash</p>	<p>stroll</p>
<p>dash</p>	<p>scurry</p>

Pairs

Aims:

Work as a team. Listen to others. Explain your ideas.

Improve your vocabulary. Use a dictionary.

Pair these words and their meanings. If you are not sure of the meaning of a word, look it up.

saunter	walk in an unhurried way
amble	walk slowly
stumble	walk and trip
ramble	wander
scurry	hurry
soar	glide
beetle	rush along
halt	stop
bustle	move in a hurried way

Vocabulary Building Exercise

Using a wider range of vocabulary makes your writing more descriptive, interesting and entertaining.

Try it!

- Think of six alternatives for each of the following 'basic' words.
- Put three from each group into sentences.

<u>Verbs</u>						
Group 1 - 'said'						
Group 2 - 'got or 'get'						
Group 3 - 'went'						

<u>Adjectives</u>						
Group 1 - 'nice'						
Group 2 - 'small'						
Group 3 - 'big'						