

Vocabulary Games and Activities

Vocabulary Game	Summary or Explanation
Pictionary SS2	The class can be divided into any size of teams. Each round, a student randomly selects a vocabulary word from the vocab list and then draws a visual representation of that word on a board or paper without using any letters or numbers. The rest of the team has a limited time to guess the word based on the drawing. The first team to guess the word correctly will earn a point. The team with the most points will earn the designated reward.
Vocab Slap-Jack	1.All vocab terms are written on an index card. 2.Students are split into groups of four and given a stack of vocab index cards. 3.Students take turns reading definition 4.The first student to slap the correct vocab term puts the index card into their pile 5.Once all vocab terms are covered, the student with the biggest pile wins.
Charades- ELA	Vocab terms are written on index cards and placed in a bowl. Students will come up individually, or as a small group, and randomly choose a card. Then, student(s) must act out the word/phrase that is on the card, without speaking. The rest of the class or groups must guess.
Role Playing SS1	When instructing vocabulary, students will be given the chance to volunteer or be chosen to “act out” a vocabulary term. This can be done <u>informally</u> by choosing students to do it on-the-fly during instruction or <u>formally</u> by making groups of students choose a number of vocab terms and acting them out in front of the large group. This is important because of the kinesthetic aspect of the instruction that plants the vocabulary in the memory bank of students. (Example: two students are acting out a naturalization test.)
Vocab Jeopardy SS2	A Jeopardy-style activity where different tiers of vocab are labeled as level 100-400 based on the tier level. Students have to correctly define the vocab words to get points.
Kahoot SS1	An online game of kahoot is created which will offer definitions of vocabulary words. The students then have to choose between 4 multiple choice answers, that are varying terms

	from our vocabulary, with only one correct answer. For each correct guess, students will get an amount of points and the student with the most points gets a reward. This activity offers a sense of <u>competition</u> and <u>incentive</u> to learning vocabulary and <u>memorizing</u> it for potential rewards.
Quizlet/ Quizlet Live- ELA	Quizlet: is an online study tool that helps students and teachers create, share, and study flashcards. It is particularly effective for studying vocabulary building because it allows users to create custom flashcard sets with terms and definitions, including images and audio, to enhance learning. Quizlet offers different study modes, such as... Flashcards, Learn, Match, Write, Test. These study modes allow students to learn their vocabulary words at their own pace and in their own time. Quizlet Live: An interactive classroom game that is fairly similar to Kahoot but done in teams. Students compete in teams or individually to match terms with their definitions. This game promotes collaboration, communication, and active recall, making it an excellent tool for reinforcing vocabulary and concepts learned in class.
Vocab Line-up	1.All students line up on the back wall 2.Teacher reads off definitions 3.First student to raise their hand the fastest gets to answer the question. 4.If they are correct, they get to kick off the student to the right or left of them. 5.If they are incorrect they are kicked off. 6.The last student standing is the winner.
Mark Making Roulette	A wheel will spin to a certain mark, large pieces of paper will be displayed throughout the room for students to draw on wherever they please. Students will use graphite and ink to demonstrate the basic mark making techniques in drawing.
"I Spy" with Art Terms	Students will choose an artwork or a space in the classroom filled with art supplies and materials. Students take turns saying "I spy with my eye something that is [color], [texture], [geometric], etc." and the others guess the term being described.
Vocab Bingo	- Give students a blank bingo card. Have them fill out 25 words related to the

	unit. - Teachers will read out definitions and students will mark off the word if they have it on their bingo card. - Students show knowledge of vocabulary definitions and can receive extra credit/candy for getting bingo.
Scavenger Hunts	- Students are given vocabulary words to assign to certain models - Models could be cells, a human body (anatomy, model or cadaver), or parts of the solar system - Points are awarded for correctly matching vocabulary words with the correct part
Vocab Fly Swatter (MUSIC)	Vocabulary words are posted on the wall. 5 teams (depending on class size), one person per team has a fly swatter. Teacher gives definition of words that are posted, students have to run and slap the correct word. Points awarded for fastest and correct swat.
Vocab Garbage Ball (MUSIC)	Two teams divided evenly, teacher gives definition of vocab word, discuss with team on the correct vocab word, when you know it students will shoot at the basket first to make it gives their answer if correct points awarded if incorrect keep shooting until correct answer is given.