■ Anchor Chart Game Toolkit

For K–12 Multilingual Classrooms

Use these no-prep and low-prep games to turn any anchor chart into an interactive, language-rich activity. Each game includes tips for different proficiency levels.

1■■ Matching & Sorting Games

Anchor Chart Puzzle — Cut apart a laminated chart (titles, visuals, definitions). Teams race to reassemble. Beginners: provide pictures; Advanced: text only.

Word–Image Match — Remove picture cards from a chart; students match them to terms. Bonus: allow translations.

Category Sort — Give word cards; students stick them under correct chart headings (verbs/nouns, cause/effect).

2■■ Movement & Relay Games

Anchor Chart Relay — Teams run to the chart, read a prompt, race back to write/use it in a sentence.

Find & Point — Call a clue, e.g., 'Find a compare/contrast word'; first to slap or point scores.

Gallery Walk Hunt — Hang several anchor charts; students move with scavenger sheets.

3■■ Speaking & Listening Games

Chart Charades — Student acts out a term/concept from the chart; others guess.

I Spy — Student says: 'I spy a word that means ___'; peers guess.

Talk Ticket — Each student draws a sentence starter/word from the chart and must use it during group talk.

4■■ Writing & Sentence Challenges

Sentence Challenge — Pick 3 chart words. Race to write a correct sentence using all three.

Transition Toss — Toss a ball; catcher must say a transition or sentence starter from the chart.

Fill-the-Blank Race — Cover chart words with sticky notes. Teams guess/write missing terms.

5■■ Board & Whole-Class Games

Anchor Chart Bingo — Use provided template; call clues as definitions or pictures.

Jeopardy Wall — Turn chart headings into categories; ask questions students answer using chart info.

Four Corners — Label corners with chart categories. Read a clue; students move to the right corner.

■ Teacher Tips

- Lamination + Velcro = reuse and easy movement.
- Color-code by difficulty so mixed groups can play together.
- Encourage multilingual access: students jot home-language notes before sharing in English.
- Post sentence frames for support: Beginner: 'I found ___; it means _____.' Intermediate: '_____is an example because _____.' Advanced: 'One way to apply __is _.'

■■ Printable Templates

Template	Description
Bingo Board (5x5)	Fill with words/phrases from your chart; center = free space.
Jeopardy Grid	5 categories × 5 questions (easy → hard).
Sentence Starter Cards	Cut apart and hand out for speaking games.
Scavenger Hunt Sheet	Find a word that means… / is a synonym for… / relates to…