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Cover and Remember

Let students look at the word list for one minute. Then cover it and see how many words they can remember.

Match Words and Meanings

Write the words and meanings on separate cards. Students match each word to the correct definition, picture or translation.

Use Each Word in a Sentence

Ask students to choose words from the list and use them in their own sentences. This helps them understand how the words work in context.

Play a Quick Drawing Game

One student draws a word while the others guess it. This works especially well with concrete nouns, verbs and adjectives.



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Sort the Words

Students sort the vocabulary into categories, such as nouns, verbs and adjectives, positive and negative words, or words connected to different topics.

Describe It – Don't Say It

Students choose a word and explain it without actually saying the word. Their partner or group has to guess.

Play Vocabulary Bingo

Students choose words from the list for their bingo board. Instead of calling out the word, give a definition, example or clue.

Make Word Connections

Choose one word and ask students to think of another word connected to it. They can explain the connection: "Beach – summer, because I go to the beach in summer."



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Test a Partner

Students work in pairs and take turns asking each other for meanings, sentences, opposites, synonyms or examples.

Use the Words in a Challenge

Give students a short speaking or writing task and ask them to use three, five or even ten words from the list. The aim is to move the vocabulary from recognition to real use.

Benefits for Teachers

Easy to adapt

The activities can be used with different ages, levels and vocabulary topics.

Less preparation

Most of the ideas need very little equipment and can be used with any word list.

Benefits for Students

Students meet the same vocabulary in different ways, which strengthens memory.

Games and short challenges make vocabulary review feel less stressful.

Students move from simply recognising a word to saying it, explaining it and using it in context.

Makes vocabulary learning more enjoyable

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