

Collocationalary

This is a variation of the game Pictionary.

Material: blackboard & chalk, whiteboard or felt-tip-pens. Cards with collocations from previous lessons or from the page below.

Time: from 10 to 15 minutes.

Procedures:

Divide the class into two or three teams.

In turn, a member from each team works at the blackboard and becomes the team “artist” for the round.

Give each “artist” a card with a collocation.

On “Go!” each artist will draw one word from the collocation for their team, it must be done quietly and without explanation, sound or signal. Each team shouts out their guesses and then they have to guess the right collocation. The first team to say the right collocation wins the round. Keep score. New artists will come to the board for the next round and the game is repeated.

You can play until finishing the cards, until all the students have drawn or as long as you need.

Variations

1. You can play charades, performing ‘an action’ or miming the meaning of a word quietly, no words can be uttered by the performer.
2. The game can be played with a limited number of cards, the same amount to all groups. The first team to guess right the most collocations is the winner.
3. Select groups of collocations according to topic or main word/s.

Suggested collocations

Communicating

Get	a letter, an e-mail, a message, a Whatsapp, in touch,
Have	A chat, an argument,
Make	A phone call,
post	To timeline, to twitter,
Send	A letter, a message, a Whatsapp, an email,
Say	Hello, goodbye, hi, sorry, your prayers
Share	In Instagram, on the web, on the internet, on your timeline/facebook.
Speak	Your mind, a piece of your mind, up, loudly-softly/quietly, Briefly-at length, #about <i>something</i> , to/with <i>somebody</i> In favour of, on behalf of
Talk	Sense, nonsense, non-stop, enthusiastically, sensibly, loudly, #about/of <i>something</i> , to/with <i>somebody</i> # of <i>something</i> (formal),
Tell	The truth, a lie, #about/of <i>something</i> , to <i>somebody</i> #bluntely/curtly/flatly; firmly/sternly.
Upload	A photo to Instagram