

CLIL: Vocabulary

- they get a point for every word they have written which is not in the words from the first group
- they lose a point for each word the first group thought of which isn't on their list
- they get zero points for words that both groups thought of

Two-Minute Taboo

Create a table with 5x6 cells of words from a content topic being studied organised into language areas to include noun phrases, verb phrases, prepositional phrases, adverbial phrases and others.

- show students the table
- split the class into two teams.
- give each team one minute to guess words in the table as you describe them
- do this by describing words at random from the table (you may like to cut up the words and select one randomly from the pile)
- for each word they get correct, give them one point
- stop describing words after one minute
- count the number of words the students guessed correctly
- now do the same with the other group and see which team gets the most correct

Word of the week

Students create a wall space or poster for difficult words or words of particular interest from the unit of work they are studying. Students should:

- annotate the word according to its function/meaning
- write collocates which go with the word
- write the definition
- write an example sentence to show the word in context
- provide a translation (optional)
- different pairs or groups of students can be responsible each week for new words
- the words can be voted on and the winning pair/group presented a prize for poster of the semester/year

Language Support Sheets

- select a text that you will be studying with you class
- read the text and underline any phrases in the text which are key to being able to talk or write about the topic
- copy out the words and find synonyms
- organise the phrases into function areas and print out a handout for the students to support them talking or writing about the topic in question

Test Yourself

This is something that you can encourage your students to do to remember new vocabulary.

- get a shoebox
- write out words and phrases to be learnt on a small piece of paper with the English on one-side and L1 (first language) translation of the word/phrase on the other
- place the shoebox in your bedroom or any room at home
- every time you enter the room, take out one of the pieces of paper and test yourself
- alternative 1: write new words on one side and a synonym phrase on the other
- alternative 2: write new words on one side and its definition on the other