

Game Cards

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Ideas for the Game Cards

Taboo card game is very popular all around the world. It is possible to buy the original taboo game or to find many cards that were prepared by some devoted teachers. I just wanted to contribute English teaching and learning community by preparing and sharing my own cards.

At first, I had planned to use the cards for taboo game but then I also started to use them for different games and activities. It is possible to play the games below without using any cards. However, I think it is better to give them some cards that have pictures and nice designs.

1 Mime

I have observed that most learners have difficulties to use gestures and mimics while talking. They usually hide their hands and speak without using them as they do not feel relax. To overcome this problem, I make them play mime game. Give them a card and ask them to tell it without speaking.

2 Pictionary

Choose the cards that can be related to topics you will teach. Divide them into groups, set the time, and ask them to tell the words by drawing.

3 Storytelling

Make them choose five (or as many as you want) cards, and ask them to create a simple story by using any words on the cards.

4 Memory

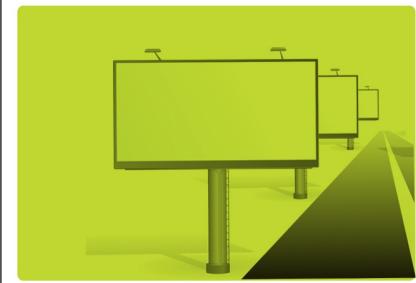
Choose ten cards and put them on the table. Let your students look at them for 15 seconds. Then turn them back and ask your students to write or tell the objects on the cards.

5 What is the question

Show a card and ask them to make a reasonable question for the taboo word. They can use forbidden words, too. Then, try to omit those words and rebuild the question. This is a good way to practice asking question skill and also it can be really useful while playing taboo game.

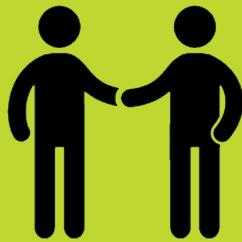
6 Chain Story

Take one card from the deck and then give each student one card. Start a crazy story by using the words on your card and ask them to continue the same story by using the words on their own cards.



ADVERTISING

road
internet
billboard
newspaper



AGREEMENT

shake hand
sign
decision
the same



HAGIA SOPHIA

museum
mosque
church
Istanbul



ALIEN

UFO
fly
space
space ship



AMERICA

English
country
west
big



ANGEL

fly
wings
miracle
heaven



ARMY

war
gun
join
soldier



AQUARIUM

fish
glass
water
animals



BANKRUPT

debts
money
company
bank account



BED

sleep
wake
night
get up



BEATLES

band
rock'n roll
Liverpool
John Lennon



BATTERY

energy
power
charge
mobile phone



BEHZAT Ç.

Ankara
police
TV series
film



BELT

wear
pants
clothes
trousers



BICYCLE

ride
tire
summer
children



BOOTS

wear
foot
shoe
winter



BOTTLE

juice
water
drink



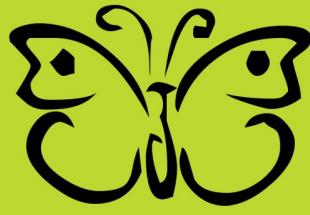
BRAIN

skull
head
think
smart



CAMEL

hump
animal
desert
cigarettes



BUTTERFLY

spring
animal
insect
colours



CALENDAR

day
year
week
birthday



CANADA

America
country
north
big



CANDLE

dark
flame
romantic
electricity



CAR

go
drive
traffic
TOFAS



CARPET

rug
soft
floor
ground



CAVE

dark
bats
hole



CHECK-IN

hotel
airport
register
enrollment



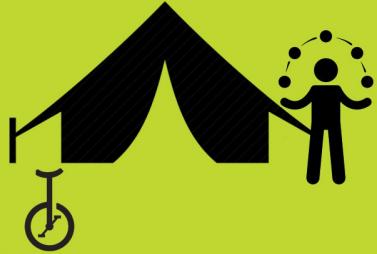
CHRISTMAS

December
Santa
Holiday
celebrate



CHURCH

mosque
christian
Sunday



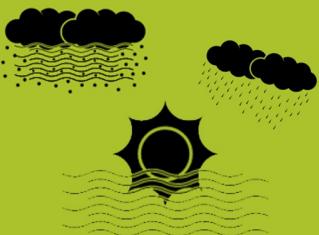
CIRCUS

lion
tent
clown
elephant



CLOUD

sky
rain
white
storm



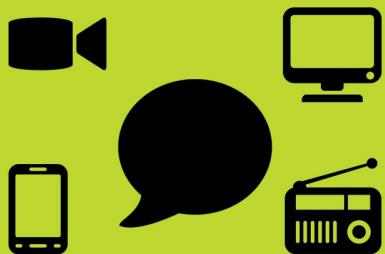
CLIMATE

weather
cold
season
hot



CLIMB

rock
ladder
mountain



COMMUNICATION

speak
people
internet
telephone



CRY

eye
sad
baby
hurt



DESSERT

sweet
cake
dinner



DICTIONARY

words
look up
meaning
vocabulary



DISAPPEAR

vanish
appear
invisible
see



DREAM

see
bed
sleep
nightmare



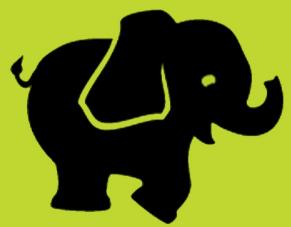
ELEVATOR

up
stairs
floors
buttons



EDUCATION

learn
school
degree
classroom



ELEPHANT

nose
Africa
animal



ENGLAND

country
English
Britain



ELTON JOHN

piano
singer
English
'Everything I do'



EMINEM

hip-hop
rap
aggressive
singer



FAMILY

visit
home
parents
children



ENGLAND

country
English
Britain



FACEBOOK

share
website
social networking
Mark Zuckerberg



FIRE

hot
camp
burns
dangerous



FOREST

tree
green
picnic
animals



FROG

animal
green
jump
prince



HOST

dead
night
scared
Casper



GARBAGE

trash
waste
dirty



GET WET

rain
dry
water
bathroom