

VOCAB—WORD RELAY

Preparation

- Download [Unit 3 Vocab Guide](#)
- Write each vocab word from Unit 3 on an index card
- Two blank index cards per student

Purpose

In this word relay activity, students will practice matching definitions to the appropriate words. This is a fun, active way to reinforce unit vocabulary, and will students become even more familiar with the words they need to know to engage with the content in Unit 3.

Process

Tell your students you are going to play a word relay game with the vocab from Unit 3. Hand out a vocab card and two blank index cards to each of your students. (If there aren't enough vocab cards for each student, you can make more or have students work in pairs.) Here's how you'll play the two-part game:

Part 1

1. Ask students to write the definition of the word you've given them on one of the blank cards.
2. Once everyone is done, have them swap words with another student (you can have them trade with the person next to them, or the next name in alphabetical order, height order, order of birthday, or whatever you like)
3. Have students write a definition for their new word on their remaining blank card.
4. Collect the cards, keeping the vocab words and the definitions separate.
5. Set the words out in one part of the room where students can see them (a white board ledge works well), and display the definitions similarly somewhere else in the room.

Part 2

1. Split the class into teams of four or five students each, and have each team line up single file.
2. Tell students they are going to have a relay race to see which team can match the most cards to the most definitions.
3. Once everyone is lined up and ready to go, have the first student in each line pick up a vocab card, then move as quickly as they can to find the definition. There are two definitions for each word, but they only need one.
4. The first team that has a word and definition matched for each team member wins!

You can play multiple rounds of Part 2, just tell students they cannot choose the word they had in round one. That way, students get to practice using multiple words.

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Part 1

1. On one of the blank cards, write the definition of the word on your vocab card.
2. Once everyone is ready, swap words with another student.
3. Write a definition for your new word on your remaining blank card.

Part 2

1. Your teacher will split you into teams of four or five. Once you're in your team, line up single file.
2. Now, you're going to have a relay race to see which team can match the most cards to the most definitions. Your teacher will have set up vocab cards in one part of the room and definitions cards in another.
3. The first student in line will pick up a vocab card, then move as quickly as possible to find the definition of that word. Remember, there are two definitions for each word, but you only need one.
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