

Vocabulary and Word Formation

Practical (and fun!) Classroom Activities



Vocab Review Dice

- Students in groups of 3-5
- Recent vocabulary on cards, cut up in a pile in the middle of the group.

Here's how it works...

Roll the dice:

1 or 2 – You explain the word (Keep the card hidden!)

3 or 4 – Table explains the word to you (Card on your forehead, no peeking!)

5 or 6 – Choose a “victim” in your group, make them spell the word!

Word Formation *BANANA*



Great for practising and reviewing:

- Noun/verb/adjective/adverb transformations
- Prefixes and suffixes

Based on...

1. People with have been campaigning for better access to public buildings **(ABLE)**.
2. When I heard what the company was paying I accepted the job without **(HESITATE)**.
3. Young children are so when it comes to painting and drawing **(CREATE)**.
4. In , I would like to congratulate your daughter on her graduation. **(ADD)**
5. Experts expect these weather conditions to continue until the end of the week **(STORM)**.
6. The government announced that it was working on a solution to the problem **(HOUSE)**.
7. I couldn't stop laughing when I saw the on TV last night **(ADVERTISE)**.
8. The installation of a new department will definitely help the company become more **(PROFIT)**.
9. The charge in the restaurant is 25 % of the total bill. **(SERVE)**
10. Your brother said that the show would be great. But I found it and was bored by the end **(EXCITE)**.
11. Many of the houses are considered to be and will be torn down by the end of the month. **(SAFE)**
12. The leader of the trade union campaigned for reelection. In the end he was beaten by 12 points. **(SUCCESS)**

https://www.english-grammar.at/online_exercises/word-formation/wf061-sentences.htm

Here's how it works...

- Put students in pairs with a pen and paper between them
- Have a number (10 ish?) of pre-prepared sentences like this...

*“Even at 80 years old, he still maintains a *BANANA* lifestyle” (ACT)*

Example activity

1. Expect	6. Patriot
2. Arrange	7. Agree
3. Invite	8. Excite
4. Die	9. Create
5. Appear	10. Likely

Vocabulary Whiteboards

How it works...

- Put students in groups of 3-5
- Give each group a small whiteboard, marker and eraser
- Explain that you will give definitions of recent vocabulary, and that students must write the correct vocab (with correct spelling!) as quickly as possible
- Award points as follows: **1 point** = correct word and spelling, ***bonus point*** = correct and fastest!
- New writer for each new vocab item, but whole team can help