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Suitable for students aged 7+

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Preparation:

Print out the A4 sheets. Print 4 copies of the Record Sheet.

Glue together the two halves of the Game Board, and if possible, laminate it. Cover the pages of playing cards and instructions with 'clear pvc self adhesive film', and cut them up.

Leave the Record Sheets un laminated as students will be writing on them.

We have provided four sets of Adjective Cards. Either play the ORANGE with the GREEN for a simpler version, or the RED with the PURPLE for a more advanced version.

HOW TO PLAY:

The instructions below are replicated on the next page so that each group playing has their own.

1. You need four players, a dictionary, four Record Sheets (one per player), one Game Board and two sets of Adjective Cards (different colour borders).
2. Work with a partner to make a team of two, and take one set of cards.
3. Shuffle your team's cards and place them in a pile face down.
4. The teams take turns to pick a card. If you have an adjective on the card, can it be used to replace an adjective on the board?
5. If you pick up a blank card can you think of an adjective to replace one on the board?
6. Everyone has to agree that the word makes sense where it has been placed.
7. Each player can use their Record Sheet to write down the new adjectives they have chosen, using a dictionary to check their spellings.
8. The team with the first four cards in a line either vertically, horizontally or diagonally wins.
9. Carry on playing until the Record Sheets are full.

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(You can purchase a professionally printed, sound-enabled version of this activity with pre-cut cards from www.mantralingua.com. Students can use TalkingPEN to record and re-record aurally onto the pages and cards. Recordings can be saved and used for assessment, or shared with other classes and schools via "ShareLINK".)

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3. Shuffle your team's cards and place them in a pile face down.
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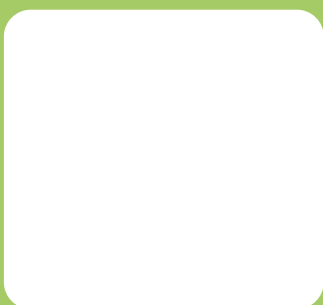
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cool
film

horrible
day

weird
teacher

nice
lady

terrible
journey

ugly
monster

boring
book

lonely
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sad
news

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dinner

pretty
model

naughty
girl

boring
weekend

nice
weather

Game Board

cool friend	wicked programme	happy teacher
nice day out	weird dream	beautiful doll
happy boy	pretty house	naughty puppy
nice present	cool breakfast	happy day
nice friend	good dinner	nice toy

