



**UNLOCKING POTENTIAL
LEVELLING THE SOCIAL AND ACADEMIC ARENA**

Word game of the week: Don't say the word!

How to play?

- You need at least 2 people to play this game.
- Cut out the word list below or make up your own.
- Each player takes a turn to pick a word.
- They must then describe the word without saying it.

Variations:

1. No reading:
If a child finds it tricky to read, use clear pictures instead. This can help give them more visual clues about how to describe the word as well.
2. Want a challenge?
To make this game harder, use words that are more abstract. These are words that do not label a visible object e.g. "responsibility", "peace".

What areas does this game Help?

- Language:
 - Word finding-
Finding different ways to explain a word can help children learn to talk round a subject and find different words to use.
 - Word definitions-
This game helps children find ways of defining words. That might be through a visual description, explanation of its function or using synonyms. They will also develop this skill by hearing other player's descriptions.
- Social skills:
Each player in this game must take turns to talk and then listen to other players. These are key skills required for social communication.

Example word list:

Cat	Glass	Candle	Tree
Teacher	Ambulance	Circle	Sun
Raincoat	Map	Sneezing	Talking
Dinosaur	Mountain	Jumping	Running
England	Monday	Earthquake	History