



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

Word Game of the Week!

Categories:

To play this game you need 2+ players.

- Take turns to pick a category option from the list below, or think of your own!
- Each player takes turns to add an item that belongs in that category.
- See who can name the most!

Variation:

- Beginning with a certain sound:
 - Choose a sound that each category item should begin with.
 - E.g. Category: animals beginning with the /t/ sound
 - You may suggest "Tiger" or "Turkey".
- Writing:
 - Pick several categories and each write them down on a piece of paper.
 - Set a timer for 2 minutes.
 - See if you can come up with an item for each category.
 - You get a bonus point for thinking of an item that no one else thought of.

What areas does this game help?

Social skills:

A core social skill is taking equal turns in conversations. This game gives students a structured opportunity to practice and apply this skill.

Language:

This game will help students to sort words into categories. This helps students to organise and expand their vocabulary knowledge which supports their ability to comprehend, store and retrieve information. By listening to different players suggestions, they may broaden their vocabulary knowledge. Some of the categories encourage students to think of features or functions of an object. For example: "things that are hot". This helps students to find different ways to link words together.

Phonological awareness:



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

By choosing the rhyming categories or by picking an initial sound, this activity will encourage students to think about, and segment, the individual sounds in words. This is an important skill when developing their literacy abilities.

Category Suggestions:

Animals	Boy's Names	Girl's Names	Countries	Colours
Emotions	Insects	Food	Drinks	Jobs
Car Models	Clothes Shops	Video Games	Sports	Movies
Books	TV Programmes	Avengers Characters	Disney Characters	Songs
Things that you can play with	Things that use electricity	Things you may find in the kitchen	Things you may find in the garden	Something that is green
Something that is red	Things that are hot	Things that are cold	Types of Clothing	Types of transport
Things that rhyme with "cat"	Things that rhyme with "Kit"	Things that rhyme with "Go"	Things that rhyme with "Pet"	Things that rhyme with "Lot"