



SPIN A CATEGORY 60 Seconds

This is a great game to review vocabulary of any kind.

It can be used for language classes (either ESL or for an English speaker learning another language).

Setting up the game:

1. You'll need one magnetic spinner.
2. Draw a circle on the board.
3. Divide it into 4, 6 or 8 sections (depending on the number of categories you want to focus on or review).
4. Write a category (such as food, animals, colors etc.) in each section.



5. For smaller groups (up to 8) divide the board into 4 sections. Assign a pair to each section.



6. For larger groups, divide the group into pairs. Give each pair a small white board, dry erase marker and a sock to serve as an eraser.



Now to play!

7. One student spins.
8. Set a timer for 60 seconds.



9. One partner in each pair takes a turn writing a list of words that fits under the spun category.



10. Students can tally their words and keep their own score on their whiteboard (or above their section on the larger whiteboard).
11. To take the game a step further, you can play the game Scategories style.

That means, that each student reads off his/her list.

If anyone else wrote the same word, that word gets erased from ALL lists. The student then only gets points for words that he/she listed (and that no other student thought of).

Having each student read off his/her list takes a bit more time, but surprisingly, the students remain engaged through it all and each one is eager to read his/her list.

12. Continue play until everyone has had a turn to spin or your allotted time runs out!

NOTE: This game can address the following Common Core Standards:
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.K.5.A and L.1.5.A