

English From The Roots Up

Volume 2

Games to play with flashcards

Bean Bag Toss: Lay out flashcards face down on the floor. Toss the bean bag, turn over the card and either tell its meaning or the word that goes to the definition.

You can also just do roots or just the meaning.

Another option would be to give a derivative of the root. So if the student turns over 'photo', he would then say, 'photo, means light. Photograph is a derivative.'

Option 2: Place derivatives* face down. Toss the bean bag, turn over the card and tell the meaning of the derivative. So if the student turned over 'photograph' he would say, 'Photograph, photo means light, graph means write or draw. Photograph means picture drawn by light.'

Basketball: Players takes a shot at the trashcan/box/etc. First show a flashcard to the student. If he answers correctly then he can have a shot at the basket. If the student gets the ball in the basket then he wins 2 points. If the student hits the basket without going inside then he wins 1 point. The person who gets the most points is the winner. This can also be played in teams.

Concentration: Place flashcards face down on the floor. Take turns in turning over 2 cards (saying the cards aloud). If the cards match (root and definition) then the player keeps the cards. If the cards are different the cards are turned back over again in their original places. The player with the most pairs at the end of the game is the winner.

Cross the River: Place flashcards on floor in winding manner. Each represents a stepping stone in the river, as students must say root or definition in order to step on it and cross the river!

Spin the Bottle: Sit players in a circle with a bottle in the middle. Teacher or Parent spins the bottle. When it stops spinning the player it is pointing to is shown a flashcard and asked to say either the root or definition. If the answer is correct then that player can spin the bottle. This is a good vocab review activity.

You can also have the player give a derivative of the root.

Another option would be to play with derivative* cards and have the player give its meaning. Ex. telephoto is shown, student says, 'Tele means far away, distant. Photo means light. Telephoto means light from far away.'

**You will have to make derivative cards out of index cards.*

canis

feles

leon

equus

caballus

hippos

porcus

ornis
ornithos

avis

grex
gregis

omnis

amphi

ambi

eu

malus

e-

ex

archos

arcus

circum

kyklos

peri

theos

deus

divinus

homo
hominis

anthropos

vir

femina

infans
infantis

pais
paidos

schole

ludo
lusus

iatros

medicus

sanus

holos

rhinos

cornu

derma

cutis

cor
cordis

dorsum

athlon

agon

dromos

mons
montis

humus

folium

sal
salis

mare

navs

navis

homos

heteros

cardo
cardinis

porta

porto
portatum

novus

ordo
ordinis

saeculum

primus

secundus

tertius

quartus

quintus

sextus

septimus

octavus

nonus

decimus

elektron

gradus

plus
pluris

akros

kata

ana

duco
ductum

ago
actum

pendo
pensum

hyper

hypo

super

sub

rumpo
ruptum

pax
pacis

specto
spectatum

vox
vocis

loquor
locutus

felix
felicitas

fides

solus

monos

rideo
risum

laboro
laboratum

ergon

durus

bellum

barbaros

orthos

dokein

dog

cat

lion

horse

horse

horse

pig, hog,
swine

bird

bird

flock, herd,
drove, group,
troop, company

each,
every, all

both

on both sides,
around,
surround

well, good,
pleasant

bad, ugly,
evil, ill

out of;
beyond; from;
former

chief,
principal,
primative

bow, arc

around,
about

ring, circle,
wheel

around

god

god

god-like

man,
human being

man,
mankind,
humankind

man, manly,
masculine

woman

inability to
speak

child

leisure,
free time

play,
mock

doctor,
physician,
comforter

physician

healthy, not
diseased or
injured

whole,
entire,
complete

nose;
snout

horn

skin, hide,
shell

skin, hide

heart

back

prize,
award

contest,
struggle, trial

race course,
runway,
running

mountain

earth, soil

leaf

salt

sea, ocean

ship, boat

ship, boat

same,
common,
joint

other,
different

hinge

door, gate,
entry

to carry

new

row, array,
command

age,
century

first

second

third

fourth

fifth

sixth

seventh

eighth

ninth

tenth

amber

step,
degree

more,
many

topmost;
high point;
extreme

down,
against

up, back
again, along,
through

draw,
attract, lead

do, act, drive,
perform

hang down,
weigh,
consider, judge

above,
overly,
beyond

under,
below

on top,
above, over

under, below,
beneath

break, burst,
split

peace

to look at,
see

voice

speak

happy

faith,
trust

alone,
only

alone,
solitary

laugh,
make fun of

work

work

hard to the
touch, strong,
difficult

war,
combat,
fight

foreign

straight;
correct

think, have an
opinion,
suppose