

7B What's the word?

Aims

- to review vocabulary from the unit
- to practise open cloze task skills

Activity type

a game in which students guess the missing words to complete sentences

Classroom dynamics

pairwork

Time taken

10 minutes

Preparation

You will need one copy of the activity sheet per pair, cut up into cards.

Procedure

- 1 Divide the class into pairs and give each pair a set of cards placed face down in a pile on the desk.
- 2 Tell students they are going to play a game in which they guess the word that completes a sentence.
- 3 Student A takes a card and reads the sentence out to their partner, indicating where the missing word is with a pause. Remind them not to read out the word in brackets, which is the answer! Student B then repeats the sentence, trying to complete it with the missing word. Student B has two chances to guess the word on the card. If they guess correctly then Student B keeps the card. If not, Student A reveals the missing word and places the card to one side.
- 4 Students continue guessing the hidden words until the cards run out, or as time allows. The winner is the student with the most cards.

Adaptation and extension

- To extend the activity, or for fast finishers, students can work individually or in pairs to write their own gapped sentences for other students/pairs to complete, using vocabulary from the unit.
- Weaker students could complete the task with the unit wordlist open on the table. Emphasise that the language for the task has been taken from across the whole list.

Answer key

See the activity sheet.

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Although the document is largely correct, I would like you to _____ a few sections. (amend)	This area of town is really _____ – it is full of fashionable shops and expensive restaurants. (classy)	Having more _____ in a team can help you get a variety of perspectives on the issue, rather than everyone having more or less the same ideas. (diversity)
After he lied about what had happened he gained the reputation of being a _____ person. (duplicitous)	Please _____ you have taken your luggage with you. Do not leave it unattended in the train station. (ensure)	Every tragic Shakespearean character has a _____. For example, Othello is jealous and Hamlet procrastinates rather than acting. (fatal flaw)
If you want to master a skill, it is important to _____ the basics first. (hone)	I hate the _____ that this advert uses! It's so annoying but I can't get it out of my head! (jingle)	She won the gold medal by managing to _____ her opponents. (outrun)
Scientists are very excited by this new _____ of dinosaur bone, which was discovered in the desert last month. (specimen)	Sea water becomes _____, and rises to become clouds in the sky. This is an important part of the water cycle. (vapour)	My grandfather told us an old _____ about his childhood – it was entertaining, but I don't know if I believe it 100 percent! (yarn)