

Verb/adverb game

This is a great game for collecting vocabulary, which children can use in their own oral/written work and their lives generally.

With adaptations, it is suitable for all age groups. You can do it with different word classes, but this example is using verbs and adverbs.

Have a set of red cards and a set of blue cards.

The red cards have a verb written on them e.g. laugh, walk, talk, eat, sit.

The blue cards have adverbs e.g. quickly, happily, crazily.

Model the activity – take one card from each pile and act out the words e.g. talk quickly.

The children call out their ideas for what the verb might be, and these are recorded by an assistant (or you/a volunteer can do this). Hopefully you will gain some different words.

The children then guess the adverb, and these are also recorded.

Some actions will be more difficult to guess, and this is always a good thing, as you will then gather a wider range of vocabulary.

It is easy to adapt the cards so that the activity begins quite easily and then the words become more challenging e.g. tiptoe cautiously, watch surreptitiously.

Never underestimate the words that children can remember and, hopefully, use.