

# WORD BINGO

## Description

This activity involves creating a short story based on four words drawn from a bag containing several post-it notes with different words written on them [20]. The coordinator needs to select forty words, write them on post-its, mix them in a bag. Then the participants will choose four words at random to form a coherent story. The activity requires creativity and the ability to develop a narrative using limited resources. It can be used as a verbal exercise to help elderly to improve their storytelling skills and develop their ability to think outside the box. This activity can be a fun and engaging way to stimulate the imagination and encourage elderly to experiment with their verbal skills. Adapted for five participants.



## Time Needed

Can be varied according to the coordinator's taste and the situation

## Learning Setting

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## Materials Required

10 post-it notes or slips of paper, pen, a bag

## Learning Objectives



Elderly people will exercise their verbal skills by constructing the story. They will use their memory to find stories that they can fit into words. This will improve their verbal skills in expressing their ideas.

1. The activity fosters creativity and teamwork while inventing a storyline, a character, a series of events and therefore is a good example of the narratological type of creativity.
2. Training for concentration. The participants cannot use just any word without thinking about a possible plot or storyline. This requires increased concentration skills.
3. Improving language and storytelling skills. Through telling a new story, the participants learn how to think of something new out of one word or just a couple of words, not knowing how the story will end. This activity requires creativity and commitment. By the way, they are training their language skills.

## Practical Tips

- If you don't have the materials or if you don't want to do it on paper, you can do the activity verbally.
- You can adapt to different numbers of participants by creating or reducing the number of Words.

## Expected Results

The main results after finishing this activity are:

- Improved language skills
- Improved verbal skills
- Stronger teamwork and bonding
- Greater creativity
- Open minds
- Increased use of imagination

## Step By Step Guidance

The first step is to write on several post-its different words, which can be objects, places, feelings, etc.... You can write about 20 words in total.

Then mix them all together in a bag and choose 4, as if it were a bingo.

With these 4 words you have to create a short story that makes sense. This will exercise your mind and improve your verbal skills.

## Source

[https://americanenglish.state.gov/files/americanenglish/resource\\_files/001-094-s1-word-games.pdf](https://americanenglish.state.gov/files/americanenglish/resource_files/001-094-s1-word-games.pdf)

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