

Word Tennis Instructions

Aim: Generate as many words about a theme as possible.

Background: This activity helps children to develop and use a broad vocabulary.

Instructions:

1. Ask a family member to play with you.
2. You are going to 'bat' words to each other on different topics.
3. Begin by choosing a picture from the Word Tennis Pictures to get your first topic.
4. Look at the picture and say a word it makes you think of. Then your partner says a word. Continue to take turns, saying different words the picture makes you think of.
5. If you hesitate for too long, the other person wins a point.
6. Keep track of your points.
7. When you or your partner can no longer think of any new words, choose a new picture.
8. Repeat until you have played with all the pictures.
9. Count your points- who is the winner?

