



For Fun: Famous Five

Example: We have used the word THINK across the top and five categories down the side. Choose a word relevant to the category which begins with the letter at the top of the column, as in this example below.

	T	H	I	N	K
In the home	TV	hairdryer	iron	noticeboard	kettle
Animals	tiger	hamster	iguana	newt	kitten
Food	tomato	hamburger	ice cream	nut	kipper
Cities	Taipei	Hamburg	Istanbul	New York	Karachi
Verbs (-ing)	thinking	helping	ironing	needing	kicking

Now decide which one to have a go at. Remember there may be lots of right answers; it's your choice which words to use.

	C	H	O	O	S	E
In the home						
Animals						
Food						
Cities						
Verbs (-ing)						

Or

	D	E	C	I	D	E
Song titles or bands						
Films or play titles						
Famous people						
Rivers or mountains						
Abbreviations or acronyms						

Or you can make up your own.



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This game can be adapted in lots of ways and made more or less difficult depending on the word and categories chosen.

You can use a longer word across the top, for example *education* but a 4, 5 or 6 letter word is usually easier.

If you have a lower ability group/younger students let them use a word if it has that letter in it or you can adapt a category to make it broader (such as in the example below). This activity works well if you want to give students practice at using a dictionary (www.macmillandictionary.com)

	T	H
In the home	table	kitchen
Animals	cat	hippo
Food	meat	fish and chips
Cities or countries	Tokyo	Holland
Verbs (-ing)	stamping	pushing

If you give this activity to your class, ask how many unique answers they can come up with (possibly have the students work in pairs or small groups). You may be amazed at what vocabulary they know.

Below are some possible answers for the tables but you, or your students, may come up with many more...

	C	H	O	O	S	E
In the home	carpet	hearth	oven	ornaments	sink	elastic bands
Animals	cat	hedgehog	otter	ostrich	sheep	emu
Food	cauliflower	horseradish	omelette	oysters	spaghetti	egg
Cities	Cairo	Helsinki	Oslo	Oxford	San Francisco	Edinburgh
Verbs (-ing)	clapping	helping	opening	obeying	splashing	eating

	D	E	C	I	D	E
Song titles or bands	Dizzee Rascal	Erasure	Chicago	I Will Survive	Duffy	ELO
Films or play titles	Devil Wears Prada	East of Eden	Chicago	I, Robot	Day of the Jackal	Evita
Famous people	(Salvador) Dalí	Elvis (Presley)	Confucius	(Steve) Irwin	(Claude) Debussy	(Thomas) Edison
Rivers or mountains	Danube	Everest	Congo	Indus	Delaware	Elbe
Abbreviations or acronyms	DHL	ELT	Corp.	Inc.	Dir.	EMI