

Taboo for English learners

Game instructions:

This is a vocabulary and language functions revision exercise.

1. Make one copy of the set of cards and the board for each group (6 to 10 students) and give each group a sand clock and two counters (one counter for each team inside the group).
2. Each group has two teams, **A** and **B**. Students sit around the board, so that there is one **A** student next to one **B** student:

B A B
A board A
B A B

3. One **A** student gets the pile of cards face down and starts defining the first word or function. The members of that student's team (**A**) have to guess it. The object of the game is to guess as many words as possible within the time limit (one minute or two, depending on the sand clock). Team **B** is meanwhile checking that the person defining doesn't say the word or use its root to define it. If this happens, that card is left aside and doesn't count.
4. If the person defining a word gets stuck, s/he can leave the card aside and go for the next one, but just twice. If it happens again, time is over.
5. When time is over, they count the number of guesses and advance as many circles as guesses. Then it's team **B**'s turn.
6. The first team to arrive at the center is the winner.

Do you have any hand-luggage?	Would you like smoking or non-smoking?	Can I have a window seat, please?	Board at gate number 13.	The flight is delayed.	I'm here on business.
One of my cases hasn't arrived.	Can I change \$100, please.	What's the exchange rate?	How do I get to the station?	How often are the trains to the city centre?	Single or return?
What time's the next train?	How long does it take?	It takes about half an hour.	I've got a reservation.	A single room with a bath.	May I see your passport, please?

It's on the first floor.	The TV in my room doesn't work.	Could you wake me up at 7 tomorrow?	There aren't any towels in my room.	Could I have a sandwich for room 1 please?	Can you put it on my bill, please?
A table for three, please.	Have you got a menu in English?	What do you recommend?	I'll have the soup to start.	Rare, medium, or well-done?	I'd like some mineral water, please.
Excuse me, I didn't order this.	A black coffee for me.	Could I have the bill, please?	We're in a hurry.	I'm sorry, but I think the bill is wrong.	Could you tell me how to get to the bank?

Can you tell me the way to the bank?	Do you know where the bank is, please?	Can you show me on the map?	Take the first turning on the right.	Go straight on until you get at the traffic lights.	Turn left into Wall Street.
Is there a post office near here?	Is it far?	Does this bus go to Wall Street?	Is this the right stop for the art gallery?	Can I have some of that cheese, please?	Which one?
This one or that one?	How much are those?	What size are you?	Can I try them on?	They're too big.	Have you got a smaller size?

The zip is broken.	I'd like my money back, please.	Have you got another one?	Who's calling?	Can I speak to Peter, please?	Can I leave a message?
Can you tell him I called?	I'll call back later.	I'd like to make a reverse charge call to Spain, please.	get dressed	get home	get to work
get up	have a shower	have breakfast	start work	wake up	go to work

go cycling	go dancing	go jogging	go shopping	go sightseeing	go swimming
go out	go to the theatre	go for a walk	go away	go on holiday	clean the floor
cook	do the washing	do the washing-up	iron	tidy my room	behind

through	in front of	inside	upstairs	beside	opposite
outside	go by car	above	below	across	along
round	downstairs	into	out of	past	beard

moustache	bald	wavy	curly	blouse	bra
raincoat	dress	a leather jacket	jeans	pants	scarf
shirt	shoe	shorts	skirt	sock	suit

sweater	T-shirt	tie	tights	tracksuit	trainers
trousers	belt	button	pocket	zip	face
mouth	nose	tongue	tooth	ear	eye

lip	back	chest	neck	stomach	arm
finger	foot	hand	knee	leg	shoulder
toe	bean	cabbage	carrot	lettuce	mushroom

onion	pea	spinach	grape	peach	pear
pineapple	strawberry	chicken	lamb	pork	sausage
steak	prawn	salmon	oil	pepper	salt

pepper	vinegar	plate	knife	fork	spoon
fried	boiled	baked	grilled	roast	tin
jar	exciting	boring	dirty	clean	dangerous

safe	crowded	empty	high	low	small
large	modern	old	narrow	wide	noisy
quiet	comfortable	uncomfortable	friendly	unfriendly	generous

intelligent	stupid	lazy	hard- working	selfish	unselfish
shy	extrovert	talkative	annoyed	bored	depressed
embarrassed	excited	frightened	interested	pleased	stressed

surprised	worried	carry	wear	meet	know
borrow	lend	watch	look at	miss	lose
win	earn	pick up	throw away	put on	take off

turn on	turn off	turn up	turn down	look after	look for
look up	fill in	get on with	take back	take out	try on
do aerobics	do an exam	do an exercise	do housework	do military service	do your homework

make a cake	make a mistake	make lunch	make the bed	get wet	get lost
get married	get to work	get home	get up	agree with somebody	ask for something
fall in love with someone	listen to somebody	look at something	pay for something	spend money on something	wait for somebody

work as a teacher	work for a company	worry about something	write to somebody		
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FINISH