

Word Search Games



Level:



Objectives:



Timing



Prep/

Materials:

Beginner—Intermediate, can be adapted for higher levels

The student will be able to practice vocabulary words and use their creativity.

5-15 minutes, can be expanded further into a variety of approaches.

- Online links to word searches in the following languages: Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish
 - <https://www.lexisrex.com/>
 - https://wordmint.com/public_puzzles/810577
 - Create your own word search: https://wordmint.com/public_puzzles
- Review the benefits of the word search games:
 - Develops word recognition
 - Assist in learning context clues & pattern recognition
 - Introduce and review vocabulary words
 - Spelling practice



Breakdown:

1. Together with the student, discuss the game and benefits of word searches
2. Review semantics or meaning clues. For example, when you read about cooking, you expect to find words like: chop, pots, stir and boil
3. Discuss pattern recognition for words in the language that you are studying, for example, in English the letter Q is often followed by a U.
4. As each word is played, discuss the word and then complete a practice exercise, for example:
 - Create a sentence with the word or in a specific tense
 - Use a dictionary or thesaurus to study the word or identify with an alternate word with a similar meaning

Alternate: have student create a word search of certain parts of speech (adverbs, adjectives, etc.). OR read a story & create a wordsearch associated with the story that does not have a word bank for the student to reference