

# Vocab Zoom

**Short description of activity:** Create a story sentence-by-sentence using information from the person before you and vocabulary words

**Type of activity:** Energizer, Content review

**Minimum Time Needed for Activity:** 15 minutes

**Grade Level:** 1 -12

**Subject Area:** ELA

## Materials:

- **Vocabulary words on index cards or posted in a place where everyone can see.**
  - For lower grades, use sight words or Top 150 written words list
- **Optional: Cards with images or drawings on them (clip art, Pictureka © , Apples to Apples © Picture Version, etc.)**

## Set up:

1. If using vocabulary words on cards and/or picture cards, distribute to each student.

## Play:

1. Have students stand in a circle or semicircle. Teacher or volunteer student begins a story, one to two sentences, that incorporates at least one correctly-used vocabulary word (and image if using images). Sometimes using images helps a student with story creation.
2. Next student continues the story in a logical sequence using their vocabulary word and/or image.
3. Play continues until each student has used their word or until all words from the list of vocabulary words have been used.

## Variations:

- Words and images can also be posted on a “word wall” so that students can choose as it is their turn.
  - Words/images can be moved once used so they are used. Decide together if they can be used again or if they are “one and done.”
- Students may remain at their desks to make transition time shorter
- Instead of images, have a bag of small objects or parts of objects to be incorporated into the story.
- Have students retell the plot of the book the class is reading or the lesson just taught using vocabulary words.
- Visit <https://sightwords.com/> for resources to generate downloadable tools.

**Standards:**

**ELA Standards > Speaking and Listening> Comprehension and Collaboration; Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas**

**ELA Standards > Language> Conventions of Standard English; Knowledge of Language; Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**

**ELA Standards > Standard 10: Range, Quality, & Complexity > Staying on Topic Within a Grade & Across Grades**

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