

### WHAT'S THE WORD?

#### Players

two teams of one or two players per group

#### Materials

one game sheet per A/B team; a piece of paper; a pen/pencil

#### Before starting

Photocopy one game sheet per A/B team and cut along the dotted line. Organise the chairs so that Team A is facing Team B across a table.

#### How to play

Team A has the *A* sheet and Team B has the *B* sheet. It is very important that each sheet is not visible to the other team. Team B reads out a sentence from their sheet. Where there is a blank space they pause, or say *blank*. They DO NOT say the word in capitals at the end of the sentence (it is the answer).

Team A must listen to Team B's sentence, and choose the word from the box at the bottom of their sheet which they think best fits the gap. There is one extra word in the box which is not used.

#### How to score

If Team A guesses correctly first time, they win **three points**. If they are wrong, they can try again for **two points**, and again for **one point**. If they are still wrong, they get no points.

Team B: 'My sister's new backpack is \_\_\_\_\_.'

Team A: 'Leather?'

Team B: 'No, sorry. Try again for two points.'

Team A: 'Heavy?'

Team B: 'Correct. You get two points.'

The teams then swap roles and Team A reads a sentence for Team B to complete from their list of words. Players continue until all the sentences have been read out. The winner is the team with the most points.

#### TIP

To avoid students in other teams overhearing the answers to questions, the teacher can direct each team to ask and answer the questions in a different order.

### Versions of the game

- **No crossing out:** Students will naturally cross out the words they have used in the box. For extra challenge, players are NOT ALLOWED to cross any words out and must remember which ones they have used.
- **Not in the box:** Students have to complete the other team's sentences with a word that is NOT in their box. The scoring is the same except the players (with help from the teacher) must judge if the word is acceptable.

### Notes

This game revises a range of grammar and vocabulary from Student's Book 3, Units 5–8. It requires students to listen to each other and mentally try out lexical items to see if they fill the gaps. For each sentence, there are often various words which *could* go in the gap, but students will only get points for the correct word from the box.

### Follow-up activities

Teams swap sheets and look at the words in the box. They then try to remember the example sentence that they read out for each one.

Students try to find five words that can go in each gap.

# A

- 1 Where's my sports kit? It's on the \_\_\_\_\_. STAIRS
- 3 I always look at the \_\_\_\_\_ if I am lost. MAP
- 5 I love wearing \_\_\_\_\_ socks. COLOURFUL
- 7 I think I need new \_\_\_\_\_. These are old. WALKING BOOTS
- 9 My \_\_\_\_\_ teacher taught us about the body. SCIENCE
- 11 I got lost because I didn't have a \_\_\_\_\_. TORCH
- 13 My new jumper is made of \_\_\_\_\_. COTTON
- 15 I threw a ball on the \_\_\_\_\_ this morning. ROOF
- 17 The party was a disaster because the \_\_\_\_\_ broke. BARBECUE
- 19 I like old houses because they're \_\_\_\_\_. PRETTY
- 21 My grandma gave me a scarf made of \_\_\_\_\_ for my birthday. WOOL
- 23 The \_\_\_\_\_ on my phone helps me find where I am. COMPASS
- 25 When I go walking I always wear \_\_\_\_\_. TRAINERS
- 27 I love learning about \_\_\_\_\_. HISTORY
- 29 There's lots of meat in the \_\_\_\_\_. FRIDGE
- 31 We're going camping tomorrow. Can you bring \_\_\_\_\_? SNACKS

air conditioning backpack bin camping drawer glass heavy  
hiking horse riding leather lovely PE plastic sailing  
sleeping bag washing machine wood

**Word not used:** TENT

# B

- 2 The \_\_\_\_\_ uses a lot of electricity. AIR CONDITIONING
- 4 Can you help me open this \_\_\_\_\_ please? DRAWER
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ can be dangerous without a teacher. HORSE RIDING
- 8 We're going \_\_\_\_\_ in the mountains next weekend. CAMPING
- 10 Your jacket is \_\_\_\_\_. Where did you buy it? LOVELY
- 12 This bin is for paper and that bin is for \_\_\_\_\_. PLASTIC
- 14 I can't swim but I love \_\_\_\_\_. PE
- 16 The last time I went \_\_\_\_\_ it rained a lot. HIKING
- 18 My sister's new backpack is \_\_\_\_\_. HEAVY
- 20 How big is your \_\_\_\_\_? Mine is small. BACKPACK
- 22 Those boots are \_\_\_\_\_, I think. LEATHER
- 24 Please put the socks in the \_\_\_\_\_. WASHING MACHINE
- 26 My aunt knows a lot about \_\_\_\_\_. SAILING
- 28 I don't like my \_\_\_\_\_ because it's not very comfortable. SLEEPING BAG
- 30 The \_\_\_\_\_ is next to the bookcase. BIN
- 32 I like toys that are made of \_\_\_\_\_. WOOD

barbecue colourful compass cotton fridge history map pretty  
roof science snacks stairs tent torch trainers walking boots wool

**Word not used:** GLASS