

KidzLit Activities for Cool Words

1. Bingo
2. Jeopardy
3. Memory (cards are upside down and student match word with definition)
4. Closure- Oral: cool words are listed for students to read, teacher starts a sentence and student us a cool word to complete it. Written: students are given sentences and use cool words to complete sentence
5. Go Fishing: in a bowl put cool words with a paper clip on each word card, students use a pole with a magnet on a string to pick up a word. The student must pronounce the word, given a definition and/or use it in a sentence or throw the card back into the bowl.
6. Make a three column chart: Synonyms, Homonyms, Antonyms- throughout the year have students place cool word pairs in the appropriate column. Ex: synonym column: trash garbage
7. Crossword puzzles for each book
8. Classification chart: match cool word with classification- keep chart adding to chart throughout the year. Ex: cool words are scooter and tulip- Classification chart category for scooter is TRANSPORTATION and for tulip is FLOWER
9. What are they? Cool word is tram- Teacher asks What is fun to ride in?...a rose ... a tramspectacles . Students choose correct answer
10. Match: Make a chart with cool words on the left and definitions on the right, students can match them individually, in pairs, or as a large group
11. Posters: write cool word and have students illustrate what the word/s mean to them- again individually, in pairs, or as a large group
12. Rhyming: take a cool word and rhyme it with a real word and nonsense word- orally or written
13. Plural ending- take cool words and have students determine if an s can be added
14. Ball game: students behind chairs, each one has a cool word on his/her chair, one student bounces the ball to the other child who then says the word. The student gets another card every time he/she is correct. The winner has the most cards
15. Build a house- bulletin board, three dimensional, etc. but the house needs shingles. If the student says the cool word and he/she can tack on the cool word shingle to the house. This can also be done in teams, etc.
16. Call game-cool word cards are on the chalkboard with a number. Students draw a number then read the cool word with that number
17. Checkers: Duplicate outlines for checker boards. In the squares print each cool word right side up and upside down. Each student must read the word before he/she can move the checker. They play checkers the usual way.
18. Dominoes: make paper dominoes with cool word and definitions- They play dominoes the usual way.
19. Do This: take action verb cool words and students act them out

20. Find the short word: in long cool words have students find short words. Ex: tram shorter words can be **am, ram, etc.**
21. Magic Wand- cool words are on a board, one student has a magic wand and touches a word and asks another student to read it.
22. Find the Picture- the teacher place pictures around the room and students are given cool words to match the word with the picture
23. Football/Soccer, etc. Game- teacher makes the ball and a field. As students say or define the cool word the ball is move up each line to the goal
24. Giant- the teacher holds up a cool word, if a student read it correctly he/she stands up, the next time he/she puts up his/her hands , becoming a giant
25. Speed Race: teacher draws a race track with squares with a cool word; each student has a car and reads the squares. Students can be timed