



*Fast and Fun Wordplay*  
**Classroom Learning Activities**

Grade Levels: Grades 1+

Subjects: Language Arts

Concepts, Skills, and Learning Strategies:

- \* Vocabulary development
- \* Connecting thoughts and ideas
- \* Oral communication
- \* Group Work & Individual Work

**Activity Idea 1**

Start with a single card that either has a single letter or a combo of letters. Have the class generate words that start with these letters. These words can then be used as a word wall for your classroom.

**Activity Idea 2**

Use a single card to help teach the beginnings or ends of words. The students will learn what sounds consonants and vowels make in different words.

### **Activity Idea 3**

Start with all of the cards placed face down and mixed up in a pile. Draw one card at a time. The students then have two minutes to write as many words as they can think of that contain what is on the card.

### **Activity Idea 4**

Have the students split into two lines. (Teams) The students first in the line "face-off." Pick a card from random. Whichever student is able to come up with a word first that has that specific letter(s) at the beginning of the word then they earn a point for his/her team. Play until one of the teams has 15 points.

### **Activity Idea 5**

Split the students into groups of 3-5. Give each student a card. The group then combines all of their cards together to form different words. From these words they will create a story. Each group will write the story down. They will then share it with the class to see who has the most unique story.

### **Activity Idea 6**

Players divide into two teams. Each team is given the same letter card. Seven letter cards are dealt between each team. In silence, each team comes up with as many words as they can in three minutes. When the round is done, seven new cards are dealt and play continues. The team with the most words wins. Variation: This game can also be played as charades. Each team acts out their words to the other team.