

# Vocabulary Building - Jenga



## Introduction

This is a fun way of introducing or reviewing key vocabulary or concepts from any curriculum area.

## Preparing the game

Place a piece of scotch tape onto one side of each Jenga block. This preserves the blocks so that they can be reused time and again. A word or short phrase can be written onto every block or as many blocks as needed.

## Playing the game

The class is split into two teams. One member from the starting team comes forward and pulls a block out of the Jenga tower. Then, without any help from their teammates, that pupil must correctly define the vocabulary word/phrase.

If they get the word correct: they put the Jenga block down on the table and a teammate from the opposing side comes up and has to add that block to the top of the tower. Then that pupil pulls a block from the tower and the cycle begins again.

If the pupil gets the word incorrect: they put the Jenga block down on the table and another member from their team must come up and put the block on the top of the tower. Then that pupil continues the process.

As in the normal game, the team which knocks the tower down is the loser.

Example set of words (based on examination process words)

Account	Factorise
Analyse	Find
Assess	Formulate
Calculate	Identify
Categorise	Illustrate
Clarify	Interpret
Comment (on)	Justify
Compare	List
Conclusion	Locate
Consider	Modify
Contrast	Outline
Criticise	Plot
Define	Predict
Deduce	Prepare
Demonstrate	Produce
Develop	Propose
Describe	Pros and Cons
Detail	Prove
Discuss	Relate
Distinguish	Report
Estimate	Review
Evaluate	Sequence
Evidence	Simplify
Examine	Show
Expand	Solve
Explain	State
Explore	Summarise
Express	Suggest
Extrapolate	Trace