



Head-N-Tail

Purpose

To practice thinking, spelling, and language skills.

Steps

1. Arrange students in small groups.
2. Explain that in this game groups will say words that fit a certain category. The challenge is that the next word must always start with the same letter that ended the previous word. The “tail” and “head” of each word must be the same.
3. Give an example, writing it on the board to illustrate the connection between the ending and starting letters. In the category animals, the list might go: polar bear, rabbit, tree frog, gorilla, and so on.
4. Group members should cooperate to get as many words as they can. If the next player cannot think of a word, he or she can say, “Help,” and other group members can join in.

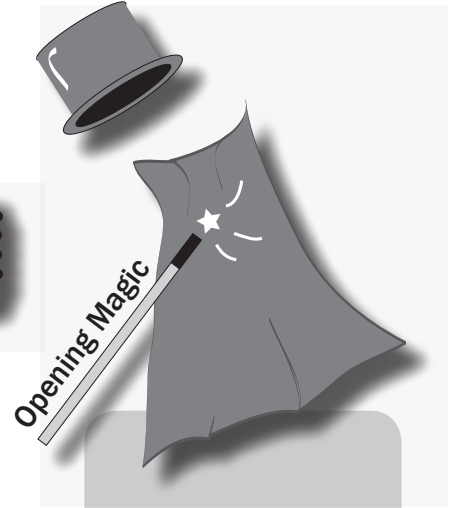
Variation

This game can be played with partner pairs or in the whole group. The game can also be played based on ending sound and starting sound or letter. In this variation, the word “whale” could be followed by lemming or elephant because the word ends with an “l” sound, but the letter “e.”



Helpful Hints

Encourage other students to help if anyone is having trouble.



GROUPING 

COMPLEXITY 

Materials

none

Magic

Opening

