

Review Game 1: Story Starters

SKILL Writing sentences and stories

NUMBER OF PLAYERS Pairs or small groups

OBJECT OF THE GAME Use phrases with target words to write group stories

MATERIALS 30 blank word cards (page 62) or index cards; bag

MAKE THE GAME CARDS

1. Make a set of game cards by writing each synonym from units 1 and 2 on individual blank game cards (page 62) or index cards.
2. Place all the word cards in a bag.

PLAY THE GAME

1. Students line up. One by one, they each select a card from the bag, return to their seats, and add a word before or after the synonym (as well as any necessary inflected endings) to make a phrase, for example:

*proudly announced
an excellent grade*

2. When they finish their first card, they select a second card and then put the first card back in the bag. If the card they chose has a phrase on it, students add a second phrase.
3. Continue until all cards have three or more phrases on them.
4. Group students in pairs or small groups of 3–5. Have each player pick a card from the bag. Randomly distribute any remaining cards.
5. Groups select favorite phrases from the cards (or write new ones) and use them to write a short story.
6. Encourage groups to share their stories with the class.