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<i>sentence</i>	<i>brother</i>	<i>noon</i>	<i>plural</i>	<i>chair</i>
<i>coffee</i>	<i>breakfast</i>	<i>to be</i>	<i>to want</i>	<i>theater</i>

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INTRODUCTION TO WORD BINGO

This activity is designed to promote vocabulary development in an exciting way. Students of all ages enjoy group competition – everyone likes to win!

Instructions for playing plus all of the answers are included at the back of this set of games.

We suggest that Word Bingo be played during the last part of the class time. The students' energy will be renewed as they become involved in the excitement of the game. For younger students it can also be used as an incentive to complete other more routine work.



WORD BINGO

Write the numbers of the words in LIST 1 beside the words or phrases that match their meaning in LIST 2. Number 1 has been done for you.

LIST 1

- | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|----|---------|----|-----------|----|----------|
| 1 | address | 7 | paper | 13 | afternoon | 19 | wallet |
| 2 | morning | 8 | numbers | 14 | neighbors | 20 | small |
| 3 | to arrive | 9 | phone | 15 | sister | 21 | airplane |
| 4 | home | 10 | brother | 16 | to want | 22 | coffee |
| 5 | basketball | 11 | cold | 17 | chair | 23 | face |
| 6 | lamp | 12 | table | 18 | clothes | 24 | door |

WRITE THESE WORDS

LIST 2

- | | | | |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | where you live | where you live | a game |
| | you talk on it | your nose is on it | not hot |
| | breakfast time | it gives light | it flies |
| | they live beside you | you write on it | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6... |
| | you put things on it | after lunch | not big |
| | when you get there | to wish for something | you drink it |
| | your parent's daughter | you put money in it | rooms have them |
| | you sit on it | your parent's son | you wear them |

CALL THESE WORDS

		BINGO		

BINGO - DIRECTIONS:

First, the students are to match the meaning as directed.

Next, they are to write the words in List 1 into the BINGO squares. The words should be placed randomly so that all of the printed cards are different.

The meanings in List 2 can then be called to begin playing the game as outlined below.

The teacher or a student can call the words in the WORDS TO CALL list, allowing the students time to find the matching word(s) among the ones that they have printed into the squares. Some help is given as the game is played, as the goal is for the students to learn the vocabulary. As the students may not be using the program that these words reflect, they may need assistance with the vocabulary used in LIST 2.

For the first game, the students are to mark the matching word box with a small x in the top left-hand corner or use small objects such as a stones or beans for markers.

The winner(s) of the game call BINGO when they have a straight and complete row of **x** marked boxes. The marked rows can be in a straight vertical line, a straight horizontal line, or a straight diagonal line. The diagonal line must go from one corner to the other.

The FREE box is counted as a marked word when it is a part of the completed row.

The game can be played a number of times until the students know the vocabulary well. For each successive game, use a different symbol or a different color to mark the boxes.

The students should write the words into the squares, not the numbers. If they put the numbers into the squares they won't learn the vocabulary.

Answers to Word Bingo

1	<i>address</i>	<i>where you live</i>	13	<i>afternoon</i>	<i>after lunch</i>
2	<i>morning</i>	<i>breakfast time</i>	14	<i>neighbors</i>	<i>they live beside you</i>
3	<i>to arrive</i>	<i>when you get there</i>	15	<i>sister</i>	<i>your parent's daughter</i>
4	<i>home</i>	<i>where you live</i>	16	<i>to want</i>	<i>to wish for something</i>
5	<i>basketball</i>	<i>a game</i>	17	<i>chair</i>	<i>you sit on it</i>
6	<i>lamp</i>	<i>it gives light</i>	18	<i>clothes</i>	<i>you wear them</i>
7	<i>paper</i>	<i>you write on it</i>	19	<i>wallet</i>	<i>you put money in it</i>
8	<i>numbers</i>	<i>1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6...</i>	20	<i>small</i>	<i>not big</i>
9	<i>phone</i>	<i>you talk on it</i>	21	<i>airplane</i>	<i>it flies</i>
10	<i>brother</i>	<i>your parent's son</i>	22	<i>coffee</i>	<i>you drink it</i>
11	<i>cold</i>	<i>not hot</i>	23	<i>face</i>	<i>your nose is on it</i>
12	<i>table</i>	<i>you put things on it</i>	24	<i>door</i>	<i>rooms have them</i>