

Senior High school Games workshop

No#	GAME NAME	Materials needed
1.	Bomb game	Timer, something to pass around in groups of 4 or so, question list
This is quite a simple and flexible game that can be used in a variety of different ways. All you need to do is say last person holding the “bomb” has to answer a question from a list of your choosing.		
2.	Pictionary	Blackboard, small whiteboards Markers and chalk, vocabulary list
Great for introducing new vocabulary and revising old vocabulary. Have the students form groups and work out the order of players. One person from each group comes to the blackboard and draws. The students in their group must guess the correct word to get a point.		
3.	Charades	Vocabulary list
Students must guess what the word is in English. All hints are to be given through gestures only. It is up to you how you want to deliver the game.		
4.	Hangman	blackboard
I use this whenever we are doing boring reading comprehension tasks or when there is a difficult word that they forgot. There is usually an example sentence on the board with the word omitted. Students guess the letters of the word. Each word wrong is a body part drawn. When the hangman picture is complete then students lose. Parachute man is an alternative if you want to use it in groups. Each group will draw a man with a parachute with 5 strings. Each letter they guess wrong is a string erased. Once all strings are erased the group loses.		
5.	Letter/sentence scramble	Worksheets prepared in advance, scrambled words/sentences
This is a good way to change up some worksheets. If you have small vocabulary quizzes you can throw some scrambled words in. For example, “emuso”.		
6.	Bingo	Bingo template, a selection of 20 or so words/numbers
Flexible game that can be used for anything. If you have spare time you can always bring spare bingo sheets and write up 20 words on the blackboard. Have students choose words and fill out their bingo sheet. Call out the words/numbers until someone completes a line.		
7.	Word search	Word search generator
This activity is good if you have extra time. Prepare a word search using a generator. You should give this activity no longer than 10 minutes of a class.		
8.	Battleships	Player grids (ship placement) and hit sheet, explanation sheet.
This activity requires a lot of explaining from your JTE. Prepare the grids with vocabulary or phrases that you would like to teach students. Students choose where their ships will be. They then take turns telling each other coordinates.		
9.	21 questions	Worksheets with model questions.
This is good for helping students form their own questions. Have a few model questions and an example of how to ask the questions. First have each student write descriptions about their famous person/ character. Students then take turns guessing who the character is.		
10.	Shiritori	
Students take turns writing on the board and the continuing word must start with the last letter of the		

previous word.		
11.	Word relay	Blackboard, timer
This is just another way to play scattergories. Write a category on the board and get students to form groups and line up at the board. Each rotation gets only 10 seconds to write a word. Students can correct other words written in their group. The group with the most words spelled correctly win. You can also do this with shiritori.		
12.	two truths one lie	Small strips of paper. If it is lower ability you can write model sentences
This is an icebreaker activity that I like to use. Students write down two truths and one lie about themselves and their partner has to guess which lie it is. Students can walk around the class and ask each other questions. Good activity at the very start of the year.		
13.	Blind drawing	Worksheets
Get students to draw either a story line or storyboard. You can also use this for describing appearance and many other topics. Students have to dictate in pairs and their partner must draw as accurately as possible what has been said.		
14.	Whiteboards	1 whiteboard per group of four students
Quick tool that can be used with many other kinds of games. Can be used with vocabulary or get students to make sentences with it.		
15.	Best actor	Dialogue, small paper slips with emotions written
This activity depends on how shy your students are and the classroom dynamic. However, if you manage to have a relatively comfortable learning environment this activity can be a great learning tool. Read the dialogue to the students and pick one paper slip. Read the dialogue again but using the emotion that is written on the slip. Have students perform this to their groups.		
16.	Directions games/ Mission cards	Map, 5 different directions cut out into cards, direction cards varying in difficulty
This concept can be applied to different activities. Having a few mission cards and have the groups work them out can be fun for students. Prepare cards and worksheets in advance and cut them out. Sort classroom into groups and have each group work on one card and progress through difficulty.		
17.	Mafia	Playing cards, identity cards, model sentences written on the board
This activity is very time consuming, needs a lot of initial translation and explanation of the rules in Japanese for it to work. Also works best in smaller classes. If you have 30 or so students you will have to split the class into two groups. Same rules as the mafia game. However, identifying the mafia is changed. Every night the mafia lynches one person, and during the day people can lynch one person. The way I used this game is that I made my own identity cards, and at the start of the game I would say "Angelina Jolie" and "Tom cruise" is our mafia. In the identity cards listed each characters likes, dislikes and what they did on the weekend. During the daytime students are allowed to ask one person one question. Then they decide who to lynch after. Mafia wins when civilians are out.		
18.	Jeopardy/ Using PowerPoint quizzes	PowerPoint quiz, jeopardy templates
Great for themed classes like Christmas or other holidays. Usually these PowerPoint quizzes can take an entire lesson to complete. Making your own PowerPoint will take a lot of time initially. Split the classroom into groups to answer the various questions.		

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“All you need are decks of cards for every 4-6 students. I write the rule’s title on the board and explain them, then help in groups that need it. I explain that the lowest score is the best. If you are the one that fails a challenge, you must keep the card. Whoever has the lowest cards at the end wins. The deck is shuffled and put face down in the middle.” –Blain cox

2	Change Directions	Goes the other way, no point.
3	Favourite	My Favourite *** is ***. If said correct, no point. If they copy anything from a previous 3 or mistake, point.
4	Four on the Floor	All students drop to the floor. Last one gets a point.
5	Left Fails	Person to left gets the point.
6	Lies	One person picks someone and tells them something. The person guesses if it is true or a lie. If they are correct, the person who drew the card gets the point, if they are wrong, they get the point.
7	Sevens	Person who drew the card starts with 1 and the next person says 2... On any number with 7 or any multiple of 7, the student must clap. 7, 14, 17, 21, 27, 28, 35...
8	Waterfall	Person starts with a word, next person says the words that came before and add one. Person who makes a mistake gets the point.
9	Right Fails	Person to the right gets the point.
10	Rock Paper Scissors	Challenge one person, loser gets the point.
J	Categories	Each time a J is drawn, it is a different category. People must say words in that category. When someone can’t think of a word or copy someone, they get the point. The ones I use are: fruits & veg, animals, sports, colours
Q	Question	The student asks someone a question. If the question or answer do not make sense, that person gets the point, if they are fine, no point.
K	Thumb on the Table	This is a race. Last one to do this gets the point.
A	Alphabet	The person who drew the card picks a letter. Students take turns saying words that start with that letter. When someone can not think of something or copies someone, they get the point.