

### How does it work?

Each student is given a key word or term as they enter the classroom and then races to use it in a comment or question during the course of the lesson.

### Who's it for?

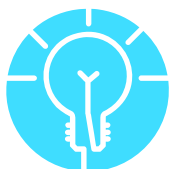
Whole classes – all ages and abilities.

### What you need ...

A prepared list of key words, terms or vocabulary – ideally put one per strip of paper or create a set of cards.

#### Step by step

- As students come into the classroom, hand them a card and tell them to keep it a secret.
- Allow around a few minutes for them to check their understanding of the key word by looking back through their classwork, using dictionaries or other reference material.
- Then, as the lesson progresses, students need to try and ask a question or make a comment that includes their word. (Encourage more interesting questions that 'What does *metaphor* mean?!')
- Award prizes to the first five students to use their words appropriately!



#### Further teaching ideas ...

Ask students to circulate and explain the meaning of their key word to four of their classmates.

Or, invite students to walk around the room in silence, reading each others' keywords. After a set time, allow them to approach anyone with a word they are unclear about and request a definition.