



Forbidden Phrases

In this collaborative strategy, students use their prior knowledge to review vocabulary terms, people, events, places, and more.

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Summary

Working in pairs, one student prompts another to recall a specific term, but the student cannot use the four "forbidden" words when describing the term.

Procedure

- 1. Create a table in a digital document with a cell for each word students should review.
- 2. In each cell, add the word students will review plus four "forbidden" words that cannot be said when describing the term.
- **3.** For example, if the term is "prohibition," the "forbidden" words could be *alcohol*, *amendment*, *drinking*, and *liquor*.
- 4. Print and cut the cards so that there are enough sets for each pair of students.
- 5. Place students into pairs and provide them with a set of cards.
- 6. Provide time for students to take turns prompting one another to figure out the forbidden terms.

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