

# 101 Ways to Use Word Cards....

## Top 30

1. Play '**Battleships**' with words on a grid with a partner or as a class.
2. Play **coin toss** - words on floor - children take turns to toss a coin onto a word and say that word.
3. Have a box of small blank **mini cards** or paper you can purchase great sized post it notes these days (approx 10cm x 2 cm) on hand at all times so that children can write down words from word walls, charts etc and then take the card back to their writing. It is also handy to write words on when doing writing conferences.
4. Play **who am I?** Eg. I am yellow, I have 5 letters, and I end in 't'.
5. Make a letter **twister chart** with chalk on a concrete floor, children place their feet and hands on the letters to spell words.
6. Children make their own word wall/**dictionary** using photocopied small words and scrapbooks labelled with a letter of the alphabet on each page... can be added to throughout the year.
7. Play **Hangman** using the word card words.
8. **How quickly can you find** a certain word in individual reading books during small group reading.
9. Play **dominoes** using same end letter/ beginning letter.
10. Circle **letters** within words using whiteboard marker on laminated word cards.

11. Play **Chinese Whispers** - say a word - pass it around.
12. Circle **smaller words** within words using whiteboard marker on laminated word cards.
13. Children go outside and practice writing their **words with chalk** on the concrete.
14. **Practice handwriting** by tracing over words using whiteboard marker on laminated word cards.
15. Place word cards in **alphabetical order**.
16. **Flashlight words** - turn off lights - flash a torch on words on display for look and say.
17. **Around the World Words** - flash a word - first player to say word out of that pair moves on to the next person to make a pair and another word is flashed, etc, etc.
18. Play '**tic tac toe**, here I go, where I stop I do not know' - children say the word that you stop on...
19. Play **stepping stones** - place words on the floor and children walk over them saying the word as they go to get to the other side of the stream.
20. Play **musical words** - children pass words around in a circle until music stops - that child says the word - can be played with 1 or more words.
21. Go on a **word walk** - find words around the environment - signs etc.
22. Make words using **playdough**.

23. Make words using **string gluing**.
24. Make words using **letter tiles -scrabble pieces**.
25. Make words using **stencils**.
26. Make words using **alphabet stamps**.
27. Make words using **magnetic letters** .
28. **Cloze** on blackboard - children **find the missing word** within a sentence.
29. **Beat the clock** - how many times can a word be written in 1 minute etc.
30. Children write their words in list form and then write over the words 2 or more times using different colours to create **rainbow words**.