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Some fun ideas to try out in class.

## Word association game

Put your students into pairs. Then, on the board, write a word/expression that is from the book. Student A from Pair 1 begins the game by saying the word which is written on the board. Student B must then say the first word that comes to mind, as long as this word is related thematically to the previous word. Then, student A says a word related to Student B's word and so on...



For example: | Student A: iPad  
Student B: book  
Student C: author

Alternatively, you can play this game as a classroom activity. Say a word, then choose students at random to continue the word chain. See how many words the class can come up with in two minutes. Then, try with another word.

## How does it work?

Tell your students to make a list of three small electronic gadgets that they own. Very quickly, students think of a description of one of the gadgets and how it works. When they're ready, tell your students to move around the class talking to one another, taking turns explaining how their gadget works **without** revealing the name of the gadget.

The students listening have one minute to guess the name of the gadget. The student with the most correct answers is the winner.

## Silent words

Tell your class to listen as carefully as they can. When you have your students' full attention, "mouth" a word or expression from the book without uttering a sound. Tell your students to try to identify the word or expression by watching the movement of your mouth/lips. Elicit the answer and write it on the board. Then, dictate 6 to 10 more words. Tell your students to write down each word or expression. After a few turns, check to see who has correctly identified the most words or expressions. The student with the most correct answers is the winner. Afterwards, students do this activity in pairs.

## What's the word?

Give a definition of a word or expression from the text.

Your students have to tell you which word/expression you are referring to. You could say, "Find a word that means X". Alternatively, give the translation of the word and tell your students to find the corresponding word in the text. For example, "Find a word that means X in English".

