

Silent Vocabulary Charades

Grades 6–8 • 15 min • 6+ students

WHAT YOU NEED

- Vocabulary words on slips of paper (in the printable kit), a timer

SETUP

Split the class into teams of 4–6 and give each team a small stack of word slips face-down.

HOW TO RUN IT

1. One student from a team draws a word and has 60 seconds to act it out silently — no talking, no mouthing words, no spelling with fingers.
2. Their team calls out guesses until they get it right or time runs out.
3. Rotate to the next team's actor and a new word; track how many words each team gets correct.
4. After a few rounds, whichever team has the most correct guesses wins the round.

VARIATIONS

- For abstract vocabulary that's hard to act out, allow one-word verbal clues instead of full silence.
- Add a "describe it without saying the word or any part of it" mode as a second round for variety.