

Word Chain Relay

Grades 3–5 • 10 min • 4–30 students

WHAT YOU NEED

- None

SETUP

Circle or rows, clear turn order.

HOW TO RUN IT

1. The first student says any word (e.g. "turtle").
2. The next student must say a new word starting with the last letter of the previous word ("turtle" !' "elephant" !' "table"...).
3. No repeats allowed — if a word's already been used, the next student has to think of a different one.
4. Keep the chain going as long as possible; if someone gets stuck, the class can offer one hint before moving to the next player.

VARIATIONS

- Restrict words to a category (animals, food, vocabulary from this week's spelling list) for a subject-tie-in version.
- Add a 5-second time limit per turn for a faster, higher-pressure round with an older class.