

CONSOLIDATING MEANING

Vocabulary Champ

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Levels	<i>Beginning to intermediate</i>
Aims	<i>Recycle vocabulary in use</i>
Class Time	<i>20 minutes+</i>
Preparation Time	<i>10 minutes</i>
Resources	<i>A reusable grid (see Appendix)</i> <i>Six words currently being studied in class</i>



his game is a good way to put target words into productive written use. It also focuses on words in context and grammatical accuracy.

PROCEDURE

1. Write all the students' names in the first column of the grid (see Appendix).
2. Write the target words along the top row.
3. Sit at the front of the room with the grid.
4. Students close all their vocabulary books and dictionaries.
5. Explain that everyone has to write his or her own perfect sentence using the words you give them.
6. Write the first word on the board so that all students can see it.
7. Students write a sentence using the word, then bring it up for you to check.
8. If the sentence is meaningful and grammatically correct, they get a tick on the grid and can start on the next word.
9. The first student to get a tick writes the next word on the board.
10. If the sentence is not perfect, do not mark it but send the student back to think about it and make it right.

11. Students cannot start on the next word until their first sentence is perfect.
12. The first student to get six ticks becomes the Vocab Champ.

CAVEATS AND OPTIONS

1. It is important that you do not correct wrong sentences. The idea is that students think about their sentences and correct them themselves.
2. This activity works well with a class of around 12 students. If there are many more, you can't check all the sentences quickly enough.
3. The Vocab Champ(s) can help other students with their sentences.
4. Adjust the difficulty level of this activity by including a grammar structure (e.g., word + past tense, word + passive, word + *if*).

APPENDIX: *Vocab Champ Grid*

Name	Word						VocabChamp
	1 <i>achieve</i>	2 <i>reason</i>	3 <i>adult</i>	4 <i>healthy</i>	5 <i>succeed</i>	6 <i>guess</i>	
Takihisa							
Mavis							
Bo Shi							
Ahmed							
Junko							
Henry							
Fadumo							
Yitong							
Lennon							
Thanh							