

50 REVIEW GAMES GAME 01

Vocabulary Relay

Movement, teamwork, and fast repeated practice

Vocabulary Relay is a fast-paced review activity that encourages movement, teamwork, and repeated practice of previously learned vocabulary. Students strengthen both expressive and receptive ASL while having fun.

TIME NEEDED

10–15 minutes

GROUP SIZE

Teams of 3–6

GRADE LEVELS

Middle, High, College

01 Purpose & Objective

Review vocabulary while increasing expressive signing, receptive skills, teamwork, and student engagement.

Students will accurately produce and recognize previously learned vocabulary while working collaboratively.

02 Materials & Skills

Materials

- Vocabulary cards
- Timer (optional)
- Whiteboard (optional)

ASL Skills Practiced

- Expressive ASL
- Receptive ASL
- Vocabulary recall
- Fingerspelling (optional)
- Team communication

03 Setup

1. Divide the class into teams.
2. Place a stack of vocabulary cards at the front of the room.
3. Have each team line up behind a starting point.

04 Directions

1. The first student from each team goes to the vocabulary pile.
2. Select one vocabulary card.
3. Return to the team.
4. Sign the vocabulary word without speaking.
5. Team members identify the sign.
6. After the correct answer, the next teammate repeats the process.
7. Continue until everyone has participated or all cards have been used.

05 Variations

Beginning

Use familiar vocabulary and allow hints.

Intermediate

Students must use the vocabulary in a complete ASL sentence.

Advanced

Students create a short dialogue using the vocabulary.

Challenge Mode

Instead of signing the vocabulary directly, students describe the concept using classifiers or related signs. No fingerspelling and no mouthing the English word.

06 Assessment Ideas

Observe students for:

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| ☐ Accuracy of signs | ☐ Facial expressions and non-manual markers |
| ☐ Handshape | ☐ Participation and teamwork |
| ☐ Movement and location | |

Paul's Best Practice

Don't focus on which team wins. Focus on which students become more confident signing.

Confidence is the real victory.

Why It Works

Students receive repeated practice in a high-energy environment. Because the focus is on communication and teamwork, review feels like play rather than memorization.

Quick Tips

- ✓ Rotate vocabulary regularly.
- ✓ Mix stronger and developing signers on each team.
- ✓ Encourage positive feedback after each turn.

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