

Online Vocabulary Resources for Students

Useful Online Resources Available at No Cost

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Free Rice

Correctly guess the word based on its definition. Strengthen vocabulary and simultaneously contribute grains of rice to the United Nations Food Program.

<http://freerice.com/>

Vocabulary Games (Grades K-12)

Fun games to help build vocabulary

<http://www.vocabulary.co.il/>

It's all Greek to Me! Word Roots Game (Grades 1-12)

Represent your country in the Olympics! You not only have to be strong, but you have to be smart to win. Play "It's Greek to Me" and learn about Greek influences on the English language.

http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/athens_games/game.htm

Puzzlemaker (Grades 1-12)

A puzzle generation tool where you can create and print customized word search, criss-cross, and other puzzles using your own word lists and definitions.

<http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/>

Follow the Word Trail: Organize a Treasure Hunt (Grades 3-8)

Create a treasure hunt out of word-puzzle clues hidden around the home or yard.

<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/activities-projects/follow-word-trail-organize-30614.html>

Scholastic News Hangman (Grades 3-8)

Develop spelling skills.

http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/games_quizzes/hangman/

Spelling Wizard (Grades 3-8)

Make a spelling scramble and a word search to help you learn how to spell words.

<http://www.scholastic.com/kids/homework/spelling.htm>

Activities for Language Learners (Grades 3-12)

Quizzes, tests, exercises and puzzles to help you learn English as a Second Language.

<http://a4esl.org/>

Dictionary Game (Grades 3-12)

Provides a reverse dictionary where students can type in a concept or definition using their own words and the site will generate a list of words that match.

<http://www.onelook.com/reverse-dictionary.shtml>

Online Dictionary with Word Games (Grades 3-12)

Offers the full-text of the Merriam Webster collegiate dictionary and thesaurus. The site also offers links to word games, word of the day, etc.

<http://www.m-w.com/>

Unveiling Idioms: A Game of Concentration (Grades 4-8)

Brainstorm popular expressions with friends and family, then explore their meanings through game play and writing/drawing/cut-and-paste activities.

<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/activities-projects/unveiling-idioms-game-concentration-30615.html>