

Vocabulary bees Units 1–6 – Teacher's notes

Level: Intermediate

Aim:

This activity revises the red starred words that the students have encountered in the first six units of *Straightforward* Intermediate.

Preparation:

Photocopy the worksheet onto a transparency so that you can project it onto the board or the wall of your classroom. If this is not possible, make enough copies of the worksheet so that everyone in the class can see a copy. Make sure that you have a copy of the words and definitions list for yourself.

Procedure:

- 1 Organize the class into three or four groups and explain the rules of the game.
- 2 Toss a coin to decide which group will start and begin the game.
- 3 When a group moves to a hexagon, select a word from the words and definitions list (see the next two pages) and read the definition aloud. You may prefer to provide a translation of the words instead of using the definitions provided.

Rules:

- The activity is a game. Students work in groups and must move from one of the black hexagons at the top of the hexagon grid to an adjacent hexagon. Each group takes it in turns to say which hexagon they wish to move to. When they move to a new hexagon, they must provide a word that begins with the letter they can see and that matches the definition that the teacher provides.
- If the group provides the correct word, they move to a new hexagon when it is their next turn.
- If they cannot provide the correct word, they must stay where they are for their next turn, when the teacher will give them the second letter of the word they need.
- If they can now provide the correct word, they can move to a new hexagon when it is their next turn.
- If they can still not provide the correct word, they remain where they are for another turn when the teacher will give them the third letter of the missing word, etc.
- The hexagons that contain a bee cannot be entered.
- The objective of the groups is to move to the bottom of the hexagon grid. The winning group is the first group to reach one of the black hexagons at the bottom of the grid.

A

adventure

an experience that is exciting, unusual and sometimes dangerous

ancient

very, very old

annoying

making you feel a little angry

arrest

if the police someone, they take them to the police station

awful

extremely bad

B

battery

a thing that you put into a radio, a clock or a car: it provides electricity

beach

a place near the sea or a lake where there is sand

bite

use your teeth to cut or break something

blood

red liquid in your body

boss

the person in charge at work

brand

a product that has its own name and is made by one company – Coca Cola, Sony or Nike, for example

budget

the amount of money that a person, a company or the government can spend

button

a small object that you press to make a machine do something

C

capital

the city where a country has its government

career

a job or profession that you work at for some time

celebrate

do something enjoyable for a special occasion or a special event

charity

an organization that gives money or help to people who need it

citizen

someone who lives in a particular town or city

claim

say that something is true, even though it is possible that it is not true

clever

good at learning or understanding things

climate

the type of weather of a country or region

coast

the area of land along the edge of a sea

code

a system of words or numbers for sending secret messages

colleague

a person who works in the same place as you

competition

an event where people try to win prizes

concept

an idea

consumer

someone who buys something or pays for services

convenient

easy for you to do or near to the place where you want to go

conviction

a decision by a court that someone is guilty of a crime

corridor

a long passage inside a building with doors on both sides

crash

an accident that happens when a car hits something

crisis

a situation that is urgent, difficult or dangerous

critic

a person who gives their opinion about a film or a book

D

decorate

make something more attractive by putting nice things on it or in it

define

say what something means

delicious

with a very nice taste

deposit

money that you pay as the first part of the total amount that you will pay later

desert

an area of land with very dry weather and few plants – eg. the Sahara

destination

the place where someone or something is going

district

an area of a town or a country

divide

separate into two or more parts

dull

boring or not interesting

E

energy

electricity and other forms of power

enormous

very, very large

expert

someone who has special skills or someone who knows a lot about a subject

explore

travel around an area to learn more about it

F

fascinating

very, very interesting

fate

the things that happen to someone

fit

healthy, strong and able to do physical exercise

flight

a journey in a plane

fridge

a place where you can keep food cold

fry

cook in oil

fuel

something like oil, gas or coal that produces heat when you burn it

H

hill

an area of land that is high but lower than a mountain

hire

rent

horrible

not nice at all

I

identical

exactly the same

impatient

wanting something to happen very quickly

income

money that you get for working

industry

the production of goods in factories

injure

hurt someone

instrument

a guitar, piano or saxophone, for example

L

legal

allowed by the law

lie

not tell the truth

liquid

something like water that is not a solid or a gas

lock

close with a key

M

magic

mysterious power or mysterious tricks

modest

a m_____ person does not like to talk about themselves or what they have done, even if they are successful

mood

the way that someone is feeling

O

obviously

in a way that is clear for everyone to understand

option

something that you can choose to do

ordinary

normal or average, not unusual

origin

the place or moment when something begins to exist

oven

a piece of equipment in the kitchen that you cook food in

P

percentage

an amount that is equal to a part of something that you have divided by 100

perform

do something in front of an audience

phase

a period of time during the development of something

pile

a number of things that are put on top of each other in an untidy way

pilot

a person who flies an aeroplane

pretend

behave in a way because you want other people to believe something that is not true

property

the things that you own

pupil

a school student

purpose

the reason or use of something

R

raise

lift something to a higher place

reckon

think or believe that something is true

reduce

make something smaller

reliable

if someone or something is r_____, you can trust it

rent

pay money to use a house or a car for a short time

replace

put someone or something in the place of someone or something else

reputation

the opinion that people have about how good or bad someone or something is

rescue

save someone from a dangerous situation

resident

someone who lives in a particular place

rush

hurry

S

scream

make a loud, high noise because you are frightened or excited

secret

information that you do not give to other people

shy

nervous or embarrassed with other people

slice

a flat piece of food that you have cut from something larger

smash

if you s_____ something, it breaks into many small pieces

solution

the answer to a question or a problem

sponsor

give money to someone who is going to take part in a charity event

staff

the people who work for a company

stage

the part of a theatre where the actors perform

storm

a time when there is a lot of rain or snow or thunder and lightning

stranger

someone who you do not know

survey

a set of questions that you ask in order to find out people's opinion of something

T

task

something that you must do

tension

the feeling of being so nervous that you cannot relax

terrible

very, very bad

toe

one of the five individual parts at the end of your foot

transfer

to move someone or something from one place to another

truck

lorry

twin

one of two children who were born at the same time to the same mother

typical

like most things of the same type

U

unemployed

without a job

uniform

clothes that you wear for a particular job or school

urgent

if something is u_____, you need to deal with it immediately