Sentence Builder Card Game



- 1. Bring a pack or two packs of playing cards to class(depending on class size)
- 2. Start by shuffling the pack(s) of cards
- 3. Deal out 4 cards each
- 4. Leave the rest of the cards in the card bank on the table facing down
- 5. Match numbers or card types to play
- 6. The winner is the first person to exhaust all the four cards given him or her.

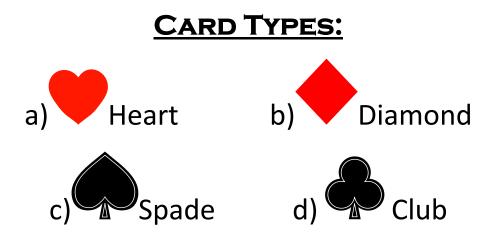
POWER CARDS

J – You change the game - ask any card type from next player

A – stop next player

Joker – ask next player to pick 4 cards

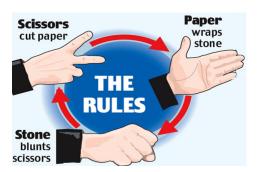
7 – ask next player to pick 2 cards



Rules for teachers to explain to students

You must add language to the game and this is easy. Here is a suggestion.

- 1. Write a list of words on the board which students must use in a sentence everytime they play.
- 2. Students sit in a circle with 4 cards each which you deal out. They shouldn't be stupid to let others see their cards. Put a table in the center with the rest of the cards in the card bank facing down.
- **3.** Do a game of Stone Paper Scissors to decide who starts first.



- 4. The first player makes a sentence and drops his/her card face up on the table.
- 5. The next player looks at his/her 4 cards and finds a card that matches the card type or has the same card number to play. The player makes a sentence and drops his/her card on the card first played. Drop it face up.
- **6.** If a student does not have a matching card type or number, the student loses a turn and draws a card from the card bank.
- 7. If the student has a command card J the student has the power to ask the next player for a particular card type. This would normally be the card type the player commanding has and wants to get rid of. The student makes a sentence and passes the command for example he/she can say: *I want club*. to command.
- 8. If a player does not have a card type or number to match the card on the table, they go to the card bank.
- 9. If a player has **Joker** he or she can slow down the next player by sending him or her to draw 4 cards from the bank.

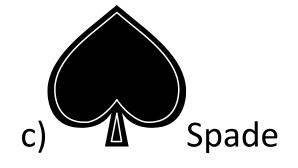
 BUT!!! The **Joker** must be of the same colour as the card on the table Black or Red. For example you cannot ask the next student to draw 4 cards with black Joker when the last card played was a red. Red Jokers go with red cards and black Joker goes with black cards.
- **10.** Just like the Joker, the card number 7 is a power card that sends the next player to the draw 2 cards from the card bank. But the 7 can only be played on the same card type. For example 7 diamond can only be played on the board if there is a 7 or if there is a diamond.
- **11.** The first player to exhaust his or her 4 cards wins. The final winner is the student who wins the most amount of rounds.
- **12.** The teacher monitors the activity to make sure they use English. Teacher also provides help in sentence formation. The teacher can even join the game to kick it off.
- **13.** The first day might be hard. It is important to do a trial game to clarify the rules. Later it only gets better.
- **14.** Small groups of 4 or maximum 6 are ideal. Larger than this it can be chaotic. Copyright, 2008 www.eslgamesworld.com



CARD TYPES









COMMAND CARDS

J – Demand a particular card type from next player.
For example say: "I want Diamond."

- A Stop next player from playing (punishing act)
- 7 Punish next player to pick 2 cards from bank
- Joker Punish next player to pick 4 cards from bank

(Put this sheet on the board for players to remember the rules)