

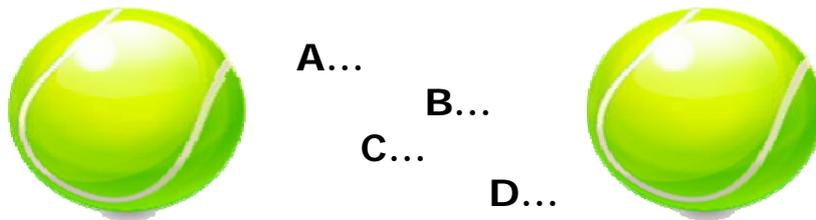
## 7.1 Short activities

### Word tennis

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**Focus:** *recycling vocabulary, listening and speaking.*

1. To do this activity, you need to have completed some of the subject units. Collect the Alphaboxes that you have already filled in, from your Language Support Activity Units. Try to have at least three units with the same subject, for example, three from Science or three from History or three from CSPE. Before the game begins, take a few minutes to ‘warm up’ by reading the Alphaboxes.
2. Find a partner, and if possible stand a few feet away from one another. You are going to play tennis, but using words instead of a ball, and your voice instead of a racquet! However, you are not playing against your tennis partner; you are playing against the other tennis pairs in the room.



3. Decide who is going to serve (go first). When the teachers says start, the player going first must shout out a subject word beginning with A, his partner must shout back another word beginning with A. Continue until you can't think of any more A words, then move onto words beginning with B.

The object of the game is to keep playing as long as possible. The winners are the pair of players who are still playing when everyone else has given up/ run out of words!

#### Problems and solutions

If you are working in a small space, it may be difficult not to overhear the words used by the tennis players beside you.

A solution might be to make sure each tennis pair is working on a different subject.

If all the players are working on the same subject, some tennis pairs could begin with the letter A, and another pair with the letter M, etc.