Word chains

Purpose: To consolidate newly-learnt vocabulary and encourage students to use keyword lists and textbooks.

Method:

1   Students work in pairs or groups (approx 4-5 per group) or whole class if appropriate.
2   The first student, or the teacher, writes down the first word.
3   The next student must add a word using the last letter of the previous word. The word chain should focus on the vocabulary of a particular topic.
4   The chain continues around the group for a fixed period of time (for example 10 minutes).
5   When a chain has been completed, review the words used and get students to explain the word(s) that they contributed (textbook may be necessary again).

Example based on geographical terms:

riveribbonlakerosionimbuspur
1   2   3   4   5