

# Talk a Lot

## Big Word Game

Talk a Lot Bingo! – Instructions

### Competitive Game #5 – Talk a Lot Bingo!

#### SET UP:

Talk a Lot Bingo! is a fun bingo-style game, that uses similar topics to the ones used in the Big Word Game. This game is best played with a group of students, with the teacher, or one of the students, reading out the questions. Each student has their own bingo card (copied from pp.5.32-5.33) on which they have to write fifteen words from any vocabulary set, for example fifteen words (and phrases) from a group of forty discussion words (from any Talk a Lot unit). Each student should write their fifteen words in private, so that none of the students have got the same fifteen words on their cards.

#### METHOD:

The teacher, or a volunteer from the group of students, reads out each statement (on p.5.31) – either in order or randomly – and students have to look at the words on their card and cross out each one that the statement applies to. For example, if the statement was: “This word begins with a vowel sound”, students would cross out all of the words on their cards that begin with a vowel sound. If the statement was: “This word is an abstract noun”, students would cross out all of the words on their cards that were not abstract nouns – and so on. Note: it may be necessary to give students a bit of time in between reading the statements, so that they have time to check all the remaining words on their cards. Variation: to make a longer game you could increase the number of words, and to make a shorter game you could simply reduce the number of words.

#### WINNING:

The first player to cross out all of the words on their card is the winner. The winning card could be checked by the teacher, or an independent adjudicator – depending on how competitive things tend to get in your classroom! If desired, the teacher could keep note of which questions they asked in that round, so that they could spend time discussing the language points raised by the vocabulary words on the winning card with the whole group, and perhaps do some board work.

#### BENEFITS:

A great warmer or wind-down for the whole class to join in with, generating plenty of practice that is really worthwhile in terms of improving spoken English. Plus the competitive edge makes it fun – something that students will really enjoy playing.

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Talk a Lot Bingo! – Statements

TALK A LOT BINGO! – STATEMENTS:

1. This word is a place.
2. This word has seven or more letters.
3. This word has an adjective form.
4. This word is a concrete noun.
5. This word has four or more vowels in its spelling.
6. This word ends with a vowel sound.
7. This word has a verb form.
8. This word has three or more syllables.
9. This word has four or fewer letters.
10. This word has three or fewer consonants in its spelling.
11. This word has the strong stress on its first syllable.
12. This word does not contain any vowel clusters.
13. This word contains the letter “k”.
14. This word begins with a consonant sound.
15. This word has three or fewer sounds.
16. This word is an abstract noun.
17. This word begins with a consonant sound.
18. This word is an object.
19. This word has one or two syllables.
20. This word has five or more sounds.
21. This word begins with a vowel sound.
22. This word has the strong stress on its fourth syllable.
23. This word begins with a vowel sound.
24. This word does not contain any double letters.
25. This word has only one vowel in the spelling.
26. This word does not contain the letter “a”.
27. This word has six or more consonants in its spelling.
28. This word does not contain the schwa sound: /ə/
29. This word comes before “milk” in the dictionary.
30. This word has a regular plural form.
31. This word has an irregular plural form.
32. This word contains the letter “l”.
33. This word does not contain any consonant clusters.
34. This word contains double letters.
35. This word has the strong stress on its third syllable.
36. This word does not contain the letter “t”.
37. This word comes after “milk” in the dictionary.
38. This word is a person.
39. This word contains a suffix.
40. This word is a countable noun
41. This word has the strong stress on its second syllable.
42. This word contains the schwa sound: /ə/
43. This word is an uncountable noun.
44. There is a smaller word hidden within this word.
45. This word ends with a consonant sound.

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Talk a Lot Bingo! – Bingo Cards



NAME: _____ DATE: _____		

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Talk a Lot Bingo! – Bingo Cards (Print on the Reverse Side)



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