



Family Literacy Engagement
Grab & Go: Minute to Win It - Building Vocabulary

This activity would be best used by:	
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Materials:

- Index Cards
- Markers
- List of vocabulary words on a topic that your child finds interesting and a few unrelated words (About 10 related words, and 3-5 unrelated words)



Steps:

1. Write each word on an index card.
2. Mix up the cards and display them on a table.
3. Tell the child they have one minute to find the ten cards related to their topic and put them together in a pile. They should put the unrelated words in a separate pile.
4. Give them one minute to sort the words. If they complete the task in one minute, celebrate! If not, give them some extra time to finish up. If they include unrelated words, ask them to share their thinking. Clarify for them if necessary. (If ten cards is too many, you can reduce the amount included in the game; if it's too few, add some more!)
5. When you're finished, ask them to share how the words relate to the topic.

Lagniappe:

Have the child write about the topic and give points for as many of the vocabulary words they can include in their stories.

Have the child come up with more words related to the topic, and include those in your stack for future games.

Have the child generate a list of words on a different topic and then make cards for him/her to share with a friend.