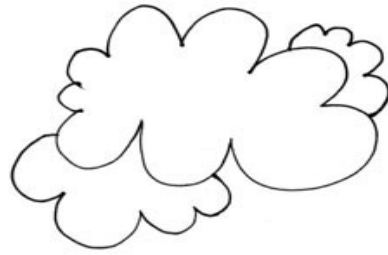


## Games

# Word cloud

You could use this game in a **Movers** or **Flyers** class.



- Before the class and according to level, think of two or three Starters, Movers or Flyers nouns that learners know well. These words should easily prompt associated vocabulary, so words like **our school, a forest, the sky, a supermarket, a sports stadium** would be good.
- Write one of these head word prompts on the board or a choice of three so learners can choose which one to develop.
- Show learners an example of a 'word cloud' or build one on the board in open class as an example. You can find examples of word clouds on *wordle.net*.
- In pairs or small groups, learners make a list of as many words as they can (I suggest using nouns, adjectives and verbs) that they associate with the head word, e.g. **school** – *desks, teacher, funny, story, pen, bag, bus, write, blue, me, floor, friends, homework, nine o'clock, listen, classmates, board*. Encourage use of digital wordlists or dictionaries to find more words that learners would like to add.
- Make sure each pair or group has a range of colouring pencils. You could take a moment to review / teach colours again here if appropriate.
- Give each pair or group a piece of paper. Learners write the head word in the middle of the paper in quite big letters and then use their colouring pencils to create their own word cloud with the vocabulary on their list.
- Display the word clouds on a classroom wall if you can.

The idea is for pairs to think of lots of words, but also to spell them correctly and to be creative in their designs. Congratulate each pair for their results accordingly.