



25 Creative Ideas from ALL Language World

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Where are the ideas from?

- ALL is a very supportive community
- Opportunities to meet and share
- Best ideas from ALL
- Spin offs from attending ALL Language World
- Other ALL branch events around the country
- Thanks to people who have inspired me with their ideas

What is creativity?

What makes a creative lesson?

The use of imagination or original ideas to create something



Starting with words

Starters - HOTS

Odd one out

Wordle

Scrabble

Wordsearch

Post its

Beat the teacher

Strip bingo

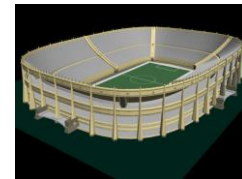
Starters – HOTS Why?

- Engages learners into a different world
- Open-ended – multiple correct answers

à la

aux

au



Odd one out

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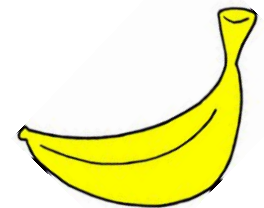
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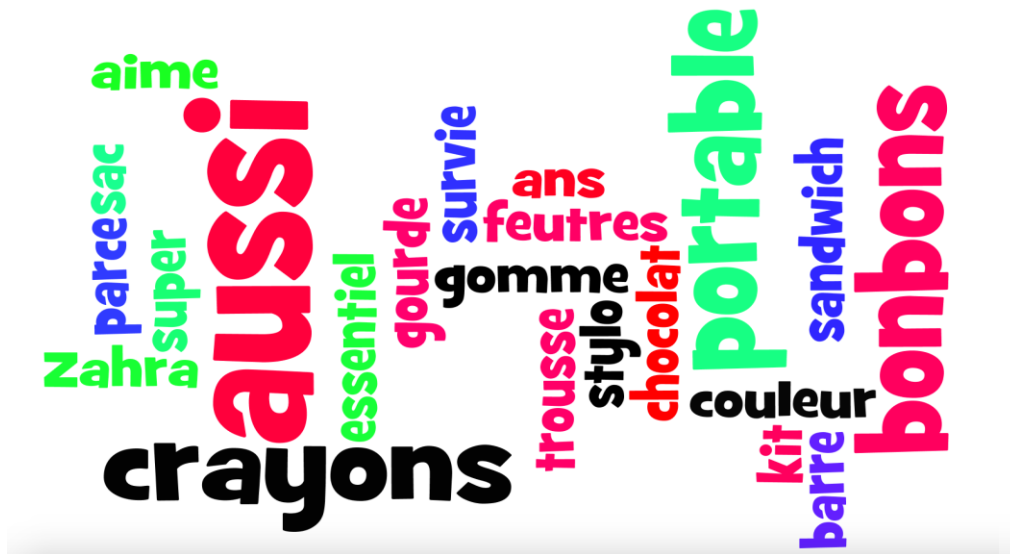
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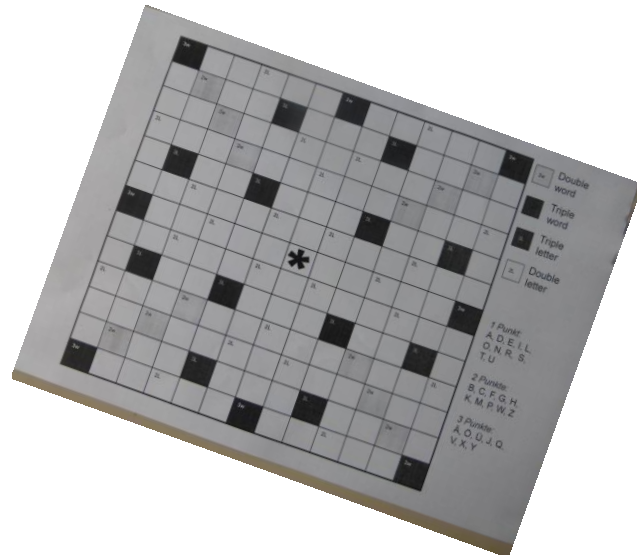
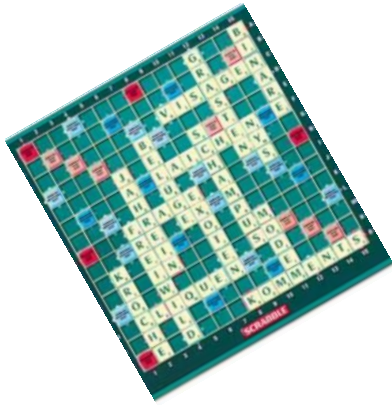


Wordle



- Find the items
- Categorise words
- Concept mapping – making links
- Write a text using as many words as possible

Scrabble



- Squared paper
- With a partner write as many words as possible as in scrabble
- Focus on vocabulary of current topic
- High frequency words
- Connectives etc
- Score or not?

Post –its



- As with scrabble game
- Work individually and swop with partner
- Correct their words...
- Or just read them then try & write new set of words – dump it down
- Join with another pair – first group to xxx number of words

Beat the teacher

- Set of pictures
- 3 rules
- Repeat if correct
- Remain silent if incorrect
- Best of 3
- “Teacher always wins”



Strip bingo & testing vocabulary



- An alternative test.
- Different ways to test vocabulary
- Anagrams – Racy No
- Find the correct letters -
xxxcxxrxaxxyxoxn
- Mini whiteboards
- Strip bingo TL / English

From words to phrases

- To drill or not to drill?
- Focus is spontaneity but....
- Building on word activities
- Verbal tennis
- Board games
- Mini flash cards and dice
- Forming questions
- Human sentences

Verbal Tennis



- Partner task
- Virtual tennis
- Word level
- Sentence level – change one element each time
- Practise verb tenses
- Practise à la / au etc or zum / zur etc

Board Games Galore

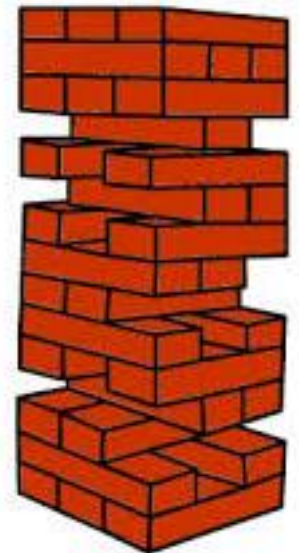
Classic board games

Creative contexts to

- practise verbs
- drill sentences structures
- practise vocabulary / questions & answers/questions or sentences in TL & English



- Mastermind
- Jenga
- Dominoes
- “Beetle”





Board Games



Back to basics - Flashcards

- Flashcards
- Mini flash cards
- Add a dice
- Dust off the flashcards
- Flashcards vs IT Powerpoint
- Build in variety
- Make mini versions
- Add a dice – build your own games



Flash cards & mini flash cards



Dominoes - 6th form giving opinions



It seems to me
that...

Mir scheint,
dass...

In my opinion...

Meiner Meinung
nach...

I am of the
opinion that...

Ich bin der
Meinung, dass...

My opinion about
this is that...

Meine Meinung
dazu ist, dass...

In my
experience...

Meiner Erfahrung
nach...

As far as I can
tell...

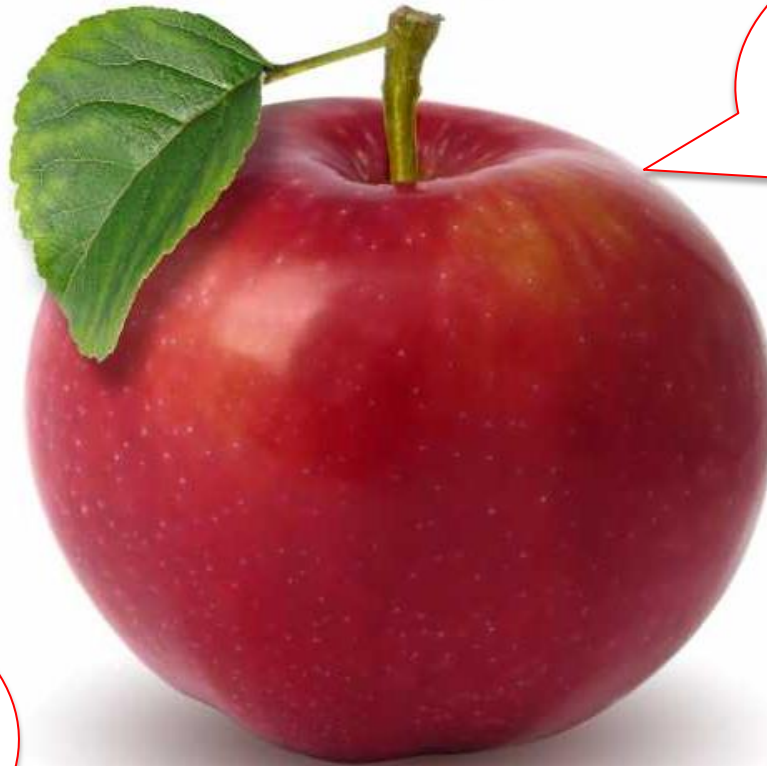
Soweit ich das
beurteilen
kann,...

The way I see it...

So wie ich das
sehe,...

As far as I am
concerned...

Forming questions



An idea from
Steven
Fawkes

How many
questions can
you make
about an
apple?

¿QUELLES SONT LES QUESTIONS?

1. J'adore le sport.

2. Quinze ans.

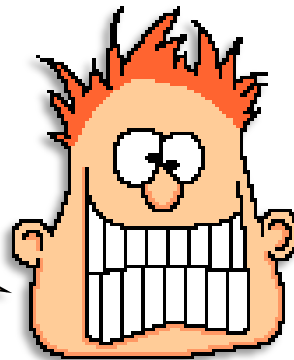
3. À Cambridge.

4. Oui.

5. Oui, j'aime beaucoup.

6. Oui, bien sûr.
Et toi?

7. Oui, mais c'est un peu ennuyeux.



Creative approaches to reading comprehension

- Read the text
- Find.....
- True or false
- Who....
- Answer the questions in English / TL
- Diamond nine
- Multi multi choice
- Find the errors

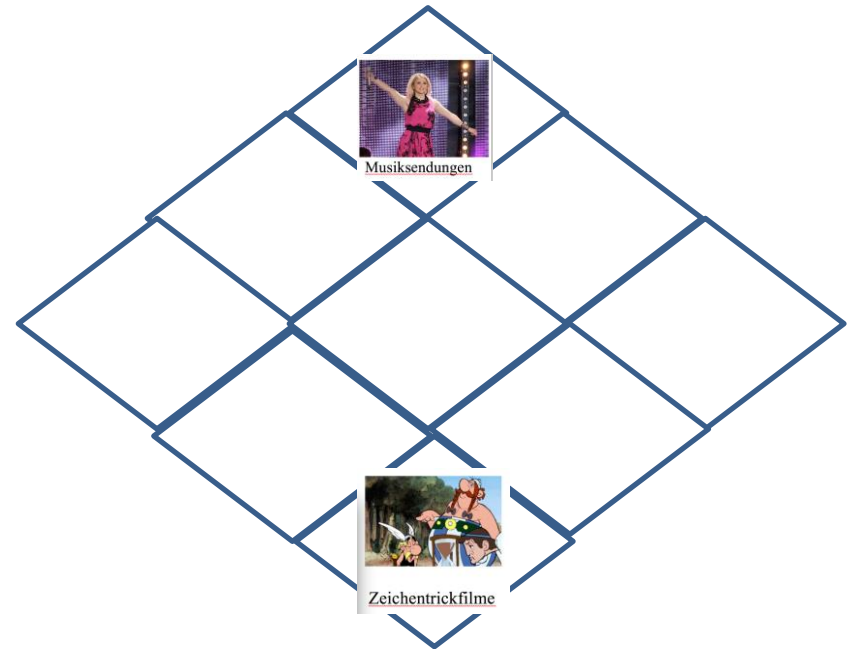
Turn the text into:

- Mind map
- Key word plan
- Venn diagram
- Graph
- Bullet points
- Conversation
- Vocabulary list

Diamond Nine

- Ob ich gern fernsehe? Ja, natürlich. Ich habe einen Fernseher in meinem Zimmer und sehe fast jeden Abend zwei bis drei Stunden fern, wenn ich nicht zu viele Hausaufgaben habe. Früher haben mir Zeichentrickfilme gefallen, aber jetzt finde ich sie furchtbar und schaue sie nie an, weil sie total kindisch sind. Dokumentarfilme über Geschichte kommen oft im Satellitenfernsehen, aber ich sehe sie selten, da ich sie todlangweilig finde. Quizsendungen sind dagegen total cool und ich mag sehr „Wer wird Millionär“. Meine Mutter sieht lieber Krimis als Soaps, weil die Handlung oft spannend ist, aber mir gefallen lieber Seifenopern. Mein Bruder interessiert sich sehr für Fußball, aber Fußball ist nichts für mich. Ich sehe nur Sportsendungen, wenn es um Skifahren geht, da ich im Winter gern Ski fahre. Es ist mir wichtig, die Nachrichten zu sehen, damit ich mich über die Ereignisse der Welt informiere, auch wenn es manchmal deprimierend ist. Ich mag Tiere, also sehe ich oft Tiersendungen und Natursendungen. Talkshows sind dagegen nur für alte Leute und interessieren mich nicht, außer wenn der Moderator gutaussehend ist. Und was sehe ich am liebsten? Meine Lieblingssendung ist X-Faktor, also Musiksendungen, weil ich gern Musik höre. Die finde ich total cool.

Diamond Nine



Using language for real purpose
Extending understanding
Deciphering the message
Avoiding the “red herrings”

Find the error / multi multi choice

Last week, I had to go to Hamburg to visit my grandmother. Her husband died last year and she now lives alone in her flat. So she is pleased when someone pays her a visit.

Normally when I visit my grandmother my brother comes with me, but this time he had to work, so I went on my own.

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I was at the station at half past eight. I bought the tickets for my brother and myself and then I had time to buy a book to read on the journey.

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The journey took three hours and the train arrived in Hamburg on time. My grandfather was waiting to meet me and together we caught a tram to get to the flat.

Familie

1. Ich bin Einzelkind.....
 - A. Ich habe keine Geschwister.
 - B. aber ich hätte gern eine Schwester.
 - C. Ich habe einen Bruder und eine Schwester.

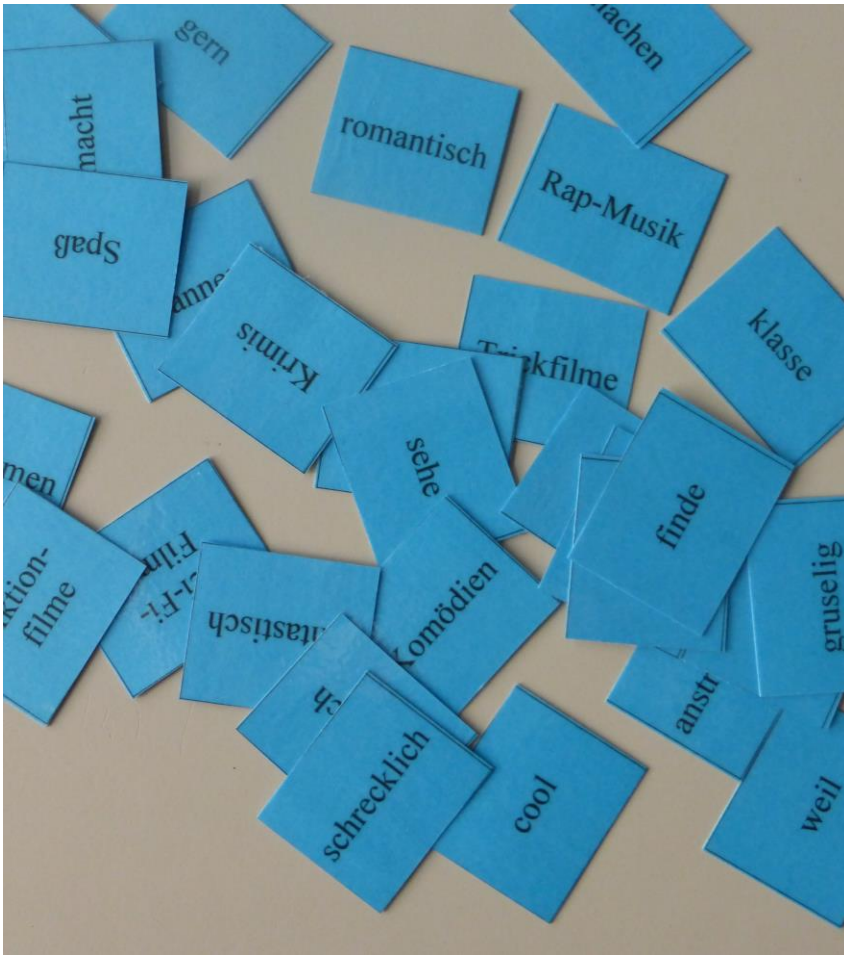
2. Meine Eltern arbeiten beide.....
 - A. Mein Vater ist Ingenieur, meine Mutter ist Sekretärin.
 - B. Mein Vater ist leider arbeitslos.
 - C. Sie arbeiten in der Stadtmitte.

3. Ich habe zwei Geschwister.....
 - A. Sie heißen Frank und Michael.
 - B. Beide sind älter als ich.
 - C. Christina ist elf und Suzanne ist vierzehn.

Producing language

- Human sentences
- Picture stimuli
- Mini books
- Storybird
- Padlet
- Poetry
- Meaningful contexts
- Big paper
- Song to text
- Borrowing from other subjects

Human sentences



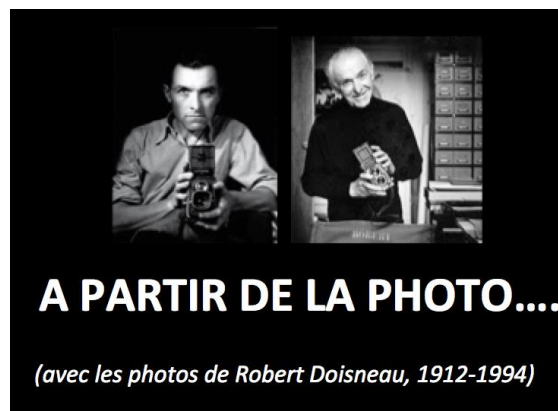
- Large or small cards
- Kinaesthetic learning activity
- Give sufficient words to allow for creativity
- Give English sentences they form TL ones
- Form as many sentences as possible
- Team game for competition

Human sentences a variation

- Form a sentence with 6 words
Ich gehe mit Freunden ins Kino
- Now add two more
Am Wochenende gehe ich mit Freunden ins Kino
- Add 5 more words
, wenn wir genug Taschengeld haben.
- Change the tense of the original sentence
Letztes Wochenende bin ich mit Freunden ins Kino gegangen.

You could also use mini whiteboards to complete this task

Picture



Great for revisiting recent structures: **Reading images**

List 5 nouns,
- 5 verbs
- 5 adjectives
to describe the scene

- he has just...
- he is going to...
- he was...





A ton avis...

Elle a douze ans

Elle habite en Europe

Elle va au collège

Elle a beaucoup de frères et de
soeurs

Sa famille est riche

Was ist passiert?

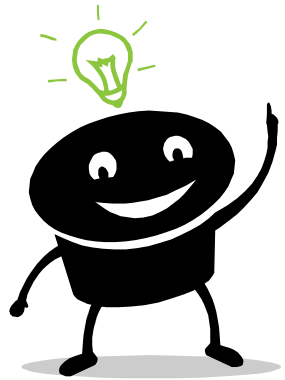
Wo findet dieser
Mord statt?

Wer wurde getötet?

Warum?



Regarde l'image. Ce personnage, il est comment?



petit bête grand intelligent pas les yeux très très assez marrant violent les cheveux aussi bavard ennuyeux
gros gentil mince sérieux beau calme

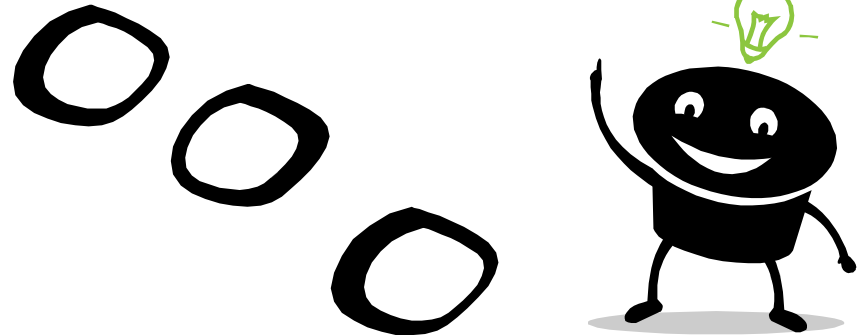


À mon avis...

Je crois que...

Je pense que

c'est peut-être ...



Minibooks & Storybirds



Project started in Essex 2009
Winner of European Award for
Languages

- Topics can be totally varied
- Tell a story to review grammar / vocabulary
- Can work at many levels
- Storybirds are electronic version – can publish books
- Books for younger readers

Padlet



- Opportunity to share ideas
- Real or quasi-real comments
- Collaboration with TL country
- Extend comprehension and encourage language production

Poetry

- Haiku (3/5/7 syllables)
- Elfchen (5 lines – 1/2/3/4/1 words)
- colour poems
- Acrostic poems based on one longer word.
- Yesterday, today, tomorrow poems
- Poems limited in words
- Use dictionaries
- Allow creativity
- Practise tenses
- Use imagination
- Use poems as a stimulus – fits with literature focus

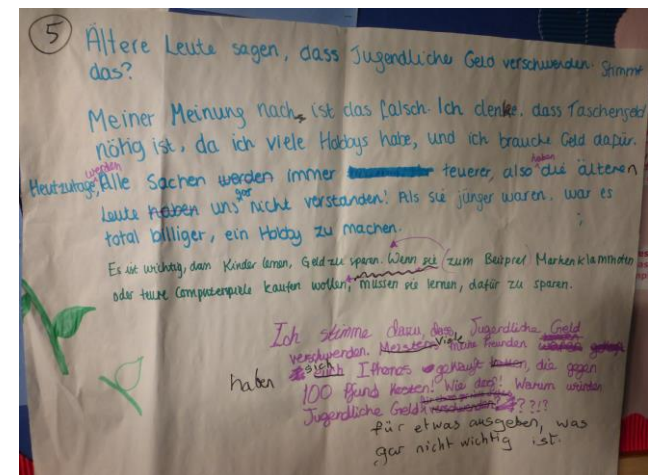
Meaningful Contexts

- Liz Black – Fair Trade / The Circus
- Chris Fuller - Topic of House and Home - Focus on the Chilean earthquake
- Advanced texts / Multi sensory approach
- Use of video
- Extension e.g. Shelter Box Competition
- <http://chrisfuller.typepad.com>
- <http://mfl.oxfordschoolblogs.co.uk> – Teaching Languages Today – Liz Black



Big Paper

- Group work.
- Large sheets of paper
- Group students into 3/4 per group
- Searching questions / elements of writing
- Produce sentence(s) / answer
- Pass on and improve / correct
- Repeat
- Plenary to share



Change the genre e.g. Song to Text

- Any song which tells a story
- Rewrite the story in a different format
- Newspaper article
- Conversation between the protagonists
- The sequel
- The prequel
- e.g. Reinhard Mey – 3. Oktober '91

Video / TV / Film

- Using TV news or adverts or film clips
- Play without sound & ask what it is about
- Words they hear / don't hear
- Give opinions
- Students invent the dialogue / voice over / news report
- Spin off into other writing – design own advert



Plenaries

- Where do we go from here - 50 ideas of plenaries from our President, René Koglbauer
- The plenary pyramid
- Wunderwörter / Mots merveilleux
- Hot seat
- Fragen stellen / Poser les questions
- Ski slope sentences
- Write a tweet about what learnt
- Plenary squares

Creativity

“I define Creativity as the process of having original ideas that have value”

Sir Ken Robinson



**if you always do
what you've always done,
you'll always get
what you've always got.**

With thanks to all members of
ALL who have inspired me &
allowed me to share their ideas
with you today

25 Creative Ideas for the 25th Anniversary

1. Starters - HOTS
2. Odd one out
3. Wordle
4. Scrabble
5. Wordsearch
6. Post its
7. Beat the teacher
8. Strip bingo
9. Verbal tennis
10. Board games
11. Mini flash cards and dice
12. Dominoes
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18. Storybird
19. Padlet
20. Poetry
21. Meaningful contexts
22. Big paper
23. Change the genre
24. Videos
25. Plenaries