

Bingo Lingo

**Players match words on their bingo cards with word roots drawn at random.
The winner is the first player to get three words in a row, column, or diagonal.**



Preparation

Gather 3 to 16 students or partners and a game monitor who knows how to look up word origins. (See *Where Do Words Come From?*, page 19.)

Make one game board (pages 37 and 38) per player or pair of players. Using duplicate game boards is fine, since this game relies partly on skill.

Laminate game boards for permanent use, in which case students need small markers (dried pasta, paper clips, etc.) to cover spaces on their board. Otherwise, have students circle matching words with a pen or pencil.

Cut apart the cards on page 39 to make one set of cards for the whole playing group. The monitor should shuffle the deck thoroughly.

Optional Make an overhead transparency of the word cards reproducible (page 39). Do not cut out these cards. Rather, project the page so players can easily see it. The game monitor will use it to mark off word roots as he or she draws them. Also, students can see how the word roots are spelled and look for similar spellings on their game boards. An alternative is to have the game monitor write each word root on the board as soon as it's drawn.

Objectives

- Recognize words based on Latin and Greek roots.
- Classify words into word families.

Materials

- Bingo Lingo game boards (pages 37 and 38)
- Verbosaurus/Bingo Lingo Cards (page 39)
- scrap paper, overhead projector (optional)
- pen and pencil or place markers (optional)

Game Rules and Strategies

The rules for Bingo Lingo are similar to those for regular bingo:

1. The game monitor draws a card and reads it aloud, including the root, definition, and example. He or she then circles the word on the overhead transparency (or writes it on the board) and sets aside the card.
2. If players have a word on their board that is derived from the root on the card, they can cover or circle the word.
3. If their board doesn't have a word, players can make one based on the root, write their word on scrap paper, and cover or circle the Make a Word space. The Make a Word word must be different from the sample word on the card. Players may make up only one word during the game, since there is only one Make a Word space.

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4. The first player to cover three words in a row (across, down, diagonally) says, “Bingo Lingo.” The game monitor checks the board for mistakes and either declares a winner or continues game play, if a mistake is found. To verify answers, the game monitor should consult a dictionary.

Bidding continues with an increase of one word per bid until someone says, “Name those words!” Scoring is as follows:

- 1 word bid and stated: 1 point
- 2 words bid and stated: 2 points
- 3 words bid and stated: 4 points
- 4 words bid and stated: 6 points
- 5 words bid and stated: 8 points (and so on)

Play as few as two rounds or as many as 16 rounds, using one Bingo Lingo card per round. Players take turns being the first to bid at the start of each round.

Variations

Longer Game

Play a “cover all” game in which players must cover every square to win, or a “star” game in which players must cover four corners and the center.

More Boards

Add words to the blank game boards that students generate while playing Verbosaurus (page 40).

Extension

Name Those Words!

This variation of Name That Tune requires only the word cards (page 39). Two players or two teams alternately bid how many words they can make from one root.

To start a round, a game monitor draws a card and reads it aloud.

The first bidder says, “I can make one word from that root.” The second player responds in one of two ways:

1. “Name that word!” The first player must then state a word based on the root in order to score 1 point. If he or she can’t state a word, neither team scores, and the game monitor starts a new round by drawing and reading another card.
2. “I can make two words based on that root.” The first player either responds by bidding three words or challenging the second player to state two words.

Bingo Lingo Game Boards

revert turn back into	demote move down in rank	degenerate wear down	revolution turning around	conduct behavior, lead	convivial lively, festive
manuscript written document	Make a Word	synonym similar meaning	sentiment emotion, feeling	Make a Word	dentures false teeth
convoke call together, gather	inject throw in, insert	pedicure foot-care session	dictator ruler, speaker	verbatim word for word	manicure hand-care session
abrupt sudden break	transfixed held in place, awed	interview questioning	transpose switch positions	divert turn away, distract	promote move up in rank
duplicate copy ("fold in two")	Make a Word	suspend hang above	evolve turn or change into	Make a Word	postscript added words
export sell abroad	capital head or leading city	artifact person-made item	curator museum caretaker	projectile thrown object	vociferous calls out loudly
antonym opposite word	revive bring back to life	dissension feelings against	suffix word attachment	pliant easily bent or swayed	position place or rank
regenerate create anew	Make a Word	predict say in advance	append add, make, hang on	Make a Word	supervisor overseer, boss
disrupt break the flow of	adverb verb modifier	quadruped four-legged being	verbose wordy	portage carrying of a canoe	decapitate behead

Bingo Lingo Game Boards

vertigo dizziness	produce bring forth	orthodontist straight-teeth expert	podiatrist foot doctor	effect make happen, result	visual about sight
portal doorway, entry	Make a Word	anonymous unnamed	pending awaiting, hanging	Make a Word	pliers wire-bending tool
proverb saying	posit put or state as fact	capitol headquarters	fixate stay focused on	interrupt break conversation	diction pronunciation
genesis beginning	consensus common feeling	vivacity liveliness	remote removed, isolated	invert overturn	devolve pass down a duty
revoke call back	Make a Word	reject throw back	introduce lead into, start	Make a Word	pendulous hanging loosely
curative healing	subscribe sign up for	dentition type of teeth	contradict disagree	procure get by care or effort	prescribe order medicine for
	Make a Word			Make a Word	

VERBOSAURUS and Bingo Lingo Cards

<p>vert vers verse</p> <p>“turn”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: version</p>	<p>pend</p> <p>“hang”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: pendant</p>	<p>dict</p> <p>“say” or “tell”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: dictate</p>	<p>ject jet</p> <p>“throw”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: jettison</p>	<p>scribe script</p> <p>“write”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: scribble</p>
<p>port</p> <p>“carry”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: porter</p>	<p>sent sens</p> <p>“feel”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: sensation</p>	<p>rupt</p> <p>“break”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: rupture</p>	<p>gen</p> <p>“begin” or “create”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: generate</p>	<p>duct duce</p> <p>“lead”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: ductile</p>
<p>fact fect face</p> <p>“make” or “do”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: affect</p>	<p>pli plicate plicit</p> <p>“bend” or “fold”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: pliable</p>	<p>fix</p> <p>“attach” or “fasten”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: fixture</p>	<p>cure</p> <p>“care for”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: curable</p>	<p>mote move</p> <p>“move forward”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: motion</p>
<p>nom nym</p> <p>“name”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: nominate</p>	<p>viv viva vive</p> <p>“live”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: vivacious</p>	<p>vise vide view</p> <p>“see”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: video</p>	<p>voke voc</p> <p>“call”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: vocation</p>	<p>volve</p> <p>“roll” or “turn around”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: evolve</p>
<p>verb</p> <p>“word”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: verbal</p>	<p>pos pose pon</p> <p>“put”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: postage</p>	<p>cap capi capt</p> <p>“head”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: captain</p>	<p>ped pod</p> <p>“foot”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: pedal</p>	<p>dent don</p> <p>“tooth”</p> <p>EXAMPLE: dentist</p>