

Matching



INTRO BUILD APPLY

Summary

Matching is a simple memory game. It is generally best used at the end of a Speak Agent lesson to consolidate long-term memory. Students do this game individually, but you can also make it into a group activity. Matching is usually the quickest activity in Speak Agent, but it is also highly engaging for all ages.

Learning Goals

- Reinforces **word recognition** by repeated multimodal exposure.
- Promotes **retention** by activating mental processes that consolidate memory.



Use with a student device such as a Chromebook, laptop, tablet, or desktop.



Use this activity as independent practice.



Alternatively, you can do this on the projector or screen sharing as a group activity.



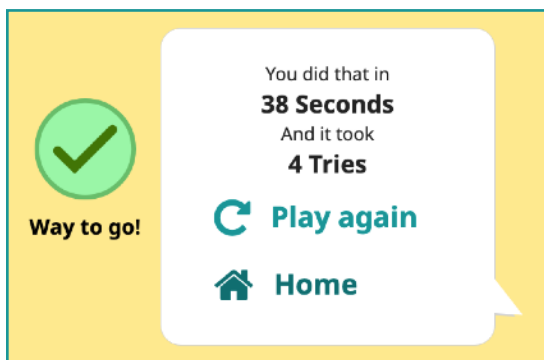
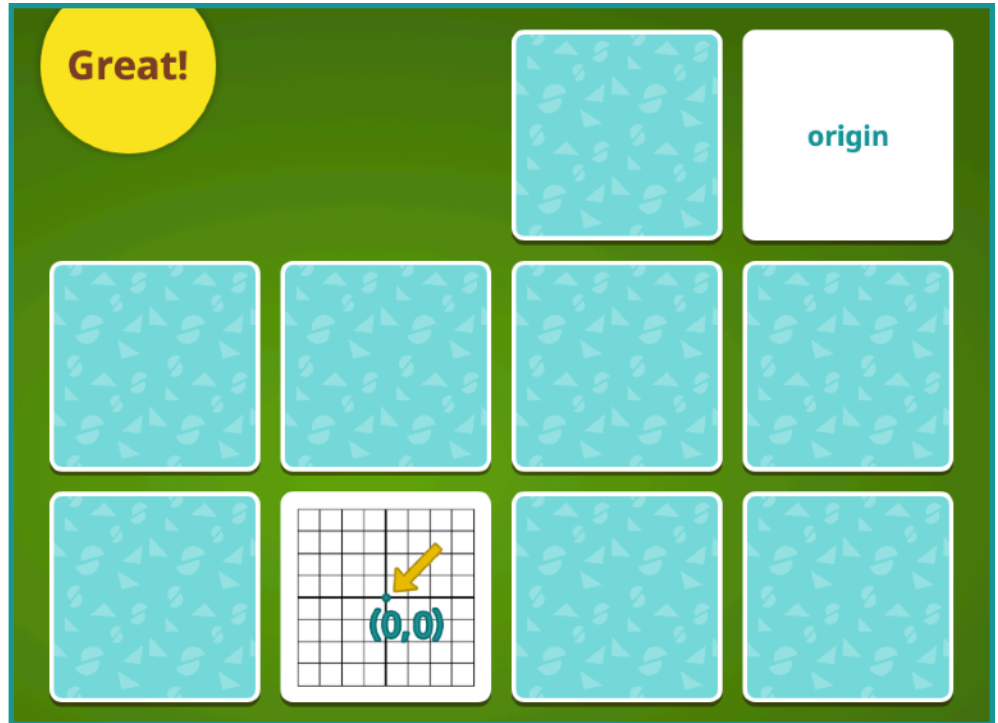
How to Use Matching

Independent Practice

In *Matching*, students choose any card and then guess which card has the matching text or image. When a correct match is found, both cards disappear. When all the cards are gone, the game is completed.

The game plays differently every time because the words are randomly selected from the unit vocabulary list and are hidden in random positions. For this reason, it is a good activity to have students do if they finish the lesson ahead of schedule. It is fun and they will cycle through the unit vocabulary if they play multiple times.

A correct match!



Friendly Competition

After each *Matching* game, the end screen (*right*) shows the student the number of tries and the length of time it took to complete the game. You can moderate a friendly competition where you give students one of two objectives: (a) win in the fewest tries or (b) win with the fastest time. Ask anyone claiming to be the winner share their screen with the class.

Key Learning Strategies

Deliberate Practice	Achieving multiple error-free attempts is critical for retention.
Multimodal Exposure	For ELLs, at least 20 exposures are needed to recognize a new word or concept!
Word Games	By engaging student attention in active learning, game motivates students to practice and activate mental processes that consolidate memory.