**Universal Bingo** (this game is based on one developed by Margaret Chittenden)

1. Hand out one bingo card per student. Each student should have a *different* card. If these are laminated and the students write on them using whiteboard markers, they can be used again. If you don’t want to make cards simply instruct students to draw and grid and write in the numbers – again make sure they all write the numbers in different places!

2. Students also need something to cover the squares or a pencil and rubber to identify the squares they think have been called out.

3. On the whiteboard write the numbers and next to each one write one of the words e.g.

1. school

2. gym

3. library etc…

4. Read out the word, a sentence using the word or a definition in a random order. The students will have to

* + listen to the word, definition or sentence,
  + look at the whiteboard and check if they have the word
  + and then cover the appropriate number if they have it.

*e.g.*

*word – library*

*definition –a big room with lots of books for you to borrow*

*sentence – I got a new book at the library*

**Don’t forget to make a note of which ones you have called out.**

5. The winner can be the student who covers all their numbers, gets the four corners, a line – you choose. When they have done this they call ‘Bingo’.

6. Check their answers.

**Variation**

1. With very weak/new students you might simply read the word for them to hear and identify the written form.

2. Put the definition on the board and read out the words.

3. Play 9 or 16 square Bingo, the cards for this are below.

**Once the cards are prepared they can be used with any topic.**

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| 12 | 9 | 6 | 11 |

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| 4 | 11 | 7 | 10 |
| 15 | 1 | 13 | 3 |
| 9 | 6 | 16 | 14 |
| 2 | 12 | 5 | 8 |

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| 4 | 11 | 15 | 8 |
| 16 | 7 | 1 | 5 |
| 2 | 10 | 12 | 14 |
| 6 | 13 | 3 | 9 |

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| 2 | 16 | 12 | 14 |
| 5 | 9 | 4 | 15 |
| 8 | 7 | 13 | 1 |
| 3 | 11 | 6 | 10 |

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| 1 | 8 | 3 | 11 |
| 13 | 2 | 14 | 6 |
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| 4 | 9 | 3 |
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| 4 | 1 | 6 |
| 2 | 9 | 8 |

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| 3 | 7 | 1 |
| 9 | 2 | 5 |
| 4 | 6 | 8 |

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**Blank boards**

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