

Word Wars

1. First Words!

In order to deliver an effective presentation, 2nd language speakers need “automatic” language. If you are translating in your head or reading from notes, your audience won’t “believe you”. This exercise helps you to speak “automatically”.

Partner A read from the box below. **Partner B** reply with the first word you think of! Try not to hesitate and speak as quick as possible. Reverse rolls. **Finally, play “First Word War!”**. Start with one word and keep going back and forth making word associations. First one to hesitate loses!

A

Teacher / Fire / Winter / Baby / Roses / Elvis / Monkeys / Doctor / Police
Apples / Mountains / Shakespeare / North Korea / Photocopier / Genius
Hockey / television / Africa / Olympics / Teeth / Hamburger / Love
Happy / popcorn / jelly / glove / paint / key / muscles / milk
Salt / bride / large / wife / pale / cop / cat / beef / high

B

Movies / peanut butter / ball / shoot / brush / lock / exercise
Coke / cookies / cup / pepper / large / groom / husband
Tanned / robber / mouse / cow / fashion / thirst / low / health
English / Computer / Summer / Grandmother / Wedding / Rain / Bananas /
Car / Christmas / Flag / China / Moon / Skiing / Adidas / River / Nut
Friend / War / New York / Cheese / Dentist / Beer / School / Vacation