

## Teaching notes

Taboo is a word guessing game. The objective is to have your team guess the key word on top of a card. This must be accomplished without using the word itself or any of the additional 'taboo' (forbidden) words listed on the card.

1. Pupils work in teams (an even number with at least two people in each team).
2. Each team needs a set of cards. It is worth copying each set onto different coloured paper and/or laminating them to ensure that you have all the cards back at the end of the activity in order to reuse them.
3. The cards need to be cut out and then shuffled and placed face down.
4. An individual from the first team takes the card from the top of the pile and then describes the word at the top of the card without using the words below. The rest of their team must guess which word is described. Participants are not allowed to say 'sounds like' or 'rhymes with' and no gestures, sounds or drawings are permitted.
5. Should the individual use one of the taboo words, a member of the opposing team may challenge and the individual must move on to the next word.
6. Each individual is allowed two minutes to describe as many words as possible to the players in their team (a longer time may be required to allow more descriptions to take place) before play passes to the next team. There are no penalties for wrong guesses.
7. For each word which is correctly guessed, the playing team receives one point. Prizes/merits could be handed out to the winning team in each group.

This activity is designed to extend the pupils' vocabulary range by finding other ways to describe the key word. It allows a review of geographical vocabulary in addition to reinforcing the pupils' memory of each geographical term.

In the lesson or homework prior to playing this game, the pupils could research the meanings of new terms.

## Extension activity

1. Each student puts a new vocabulary word at top of a blank card.
2. Each student then has to write a further five words which are associated with the keyword they have written at the top of the card.

<b>DESTRUCTIVE</b>	<b>CONSTRUCTIVE</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• convergent</li> <li>• movement</li> <li>• towards</li> <li>• subduction</li> <li>• oceanic</li> <li>• continental</li> <li>• plates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• divergent</li> <li>• movement</li> <li>• apart</li> <li>• convection</li> <li>• Mid-Atlantic Ridge</li> <li>• rift valleys</li> <li>• plates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passive</li> <li>• slide</li> <li>• earthquakes</li> <li>• San Andreas Fault</li> <li>• California</li> </ul>
<b>MESOSAURUS</b>	<b>SEA FLOOR SPREADING</b>	<b>ALFRED WEGENER</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fossil</li> <li>• reptile</li> <li>• evidence</li> <li>• South America</li> <li>• Africa</li> <li>• swim</li> <li>• connected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid-Atlantic Ridge</li> <li>• paleomagnetism</li> <li>• older</li> <li>• younger</li> <li>• rocks</li> <li>• evidence</li> <li>• movement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• theory</li> <li>• continental drift</li> <li>• Pangaea</li> <li>• Laurasia</li> <li>• Gondwanaland</li> <li>• evidence</li> <li>• German</li> </ul>
<b>LITHOSPHERE</b>	<b>CORE</b>	<b>SUPERCONTINENT</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earth</li> <li>• structure</li> <li>• layer</li> <li>• asthenosphere</li> <li>• mantle</li> <li>• plates</li> <li>• core</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earth</li> <li>• centre</li> <li>• structure</li> <li>• layer</li> <li>• inner</li> <li>• outer</li> <li>• lithosphere</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alfred Wegener</li> <li>• Pangaea</li> <li>• Laurasia</li> <li>• Gondwanaland</li> <li>• split</li> <li>• theory</li> <li>• plates</li> </ul>

OCEAN TRENCH	FOLD MOUNTAINS	ISLAND ARC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• destructive</li> <li>• subduction</li> <li>• deep</li> <li>• Peru-Chile</li> <li>• Nazca</li> <li>• fold mountains</li> <li>• South American</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• destructive</li> <li>• subduction</li> <li>• high</li> <li>• Peru-Chile</li> <li>• Nazca</li> <li>• landform</li> <li>• South American</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• destructive</li> <li>• subduction</li> <li>• deep</li> <li>• Peru-Chile</li> <li>• Pacific</li> <li>• Philippines</li> <li>• landform</li> </ul>
RIFT VALLEY	SAN ANDREAS FAULT	HIMALAYAS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• constructive</li> <li>• divergent</li> <li>• Africa</li> <li>• volcanoes</li> <li>• lakes</li> <li>• rifting</li> <li>• convection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• conservative</li> <li>• USA</li> <li>• California</li> <li>• earthquakes</li> <li>• San Francisco</li> <li>• slide</li> <li>• shallow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mountains</li> <li>• Everest</li> <li>• destructive</li> <li>• India</li> <li>• Eurasian</li> <li>• fold</li> <li>• feature</li> </ul>
MID ATLANTIC RIDGE	VOLCANO	TSUNAMI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• constructive</li> <li>• divergent</li> <li>• ocean ridge</li> <li>• volcanoes</li> <li>• transform faults</li> <li>• rifting</li> <li>• convection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• eruption</li> <li>• landform</li> <li>• lava</li> <li>• shield</li> <li>• caldera</li> <li>• magma</li> <li>• volcanic bombs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• giant sea wave</li> <li>• Boxing Day</li> <li>• Japan</li> <li>• Indonesia</li> <li>• underwater earthquake</li> <li>• volcano</li> </ul>

FOCUS	EPICENTRE	MERCALLI SCALE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• earthquake</li> <li>• conservative</li> <li>• epicentre</li> <li>• deep</li> <li>• shallow</li> <li>• intermediate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• earthquake</li> <li>• conservative</li> <li>• focus</li> <li>• surface</li> <li>• waves</li> <li>• secondary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• earthquake</li> <li>• conservative</li> <li>• measurement</li> <li>• intensity</li> <li>• impact</li> <li>• subjective</li> </ul>
RICHTER SCALE	SOIL LIQUEFACTION	MOUNT ETNA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• earthquake</li> <li>• conservative</li> <li>• measurement</li> <li>• intensity</li> <li>• impact</li> <li>• hazard</li> <li>• objective</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• earthquakes</li> <li>• conservative</li> <li>• passive</li> <li>• soil</li> <li>• water</li> <li>• unstable</li> <li>• collapse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• volcano</li> <li>• Italy</li> <li>• famous</li> <li>• eruption</li> <li>• lava</li> <li>• Sicily</li> <li>• Europe</li> </ul>
LAHARS	CALDERA	HOT SPRINGS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mud</li> <li>• rain</li> <li>• lava</li> <li>• effect</li> <li>• hazard</li> <li>• flows</li> <li>• death</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• type</li> <li>• volcano</li> <li>• gas</li> <li>• explosion</li> <li>• flooded</li> <li>• crater</li> <li>• vent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• water</li> <li>• heated</li> <li>• boiling mud</li> <li>• cold</li> <li>• explode</li> <li>• bathing</li> <li>• tourism</li> </ul>