

**Activity:****"Learnerer" Word Cards**

Can you see things once and learn them immediately like the Learnerer? Use your memory to make matches in this card game for two players.

**Introduction:**

In the WordGirl episode, "The Learnerer" (#410) the Learnerer is able to steal the giant Santa Tortuga diamond from Ms. Von Hoosinghaus using his special talent: He can see things once and learn them immediately.

Players must use the same skill in this game of concentration and memory. From a field of cards, players will see who can make the most matches to win.

**Materials:**

- Pencils
- Index cards
- Dictionary

**Directions:**

Begin with 12 index cards. Write the first word, "suffix," on one side of two cards. Have your child help you copy the other 5 words, writing each word on two cards, so all 12 cards have a word on one side.

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| • Suffix    | • Leery     |
| • Misjudge  | • Advantage |
| • Embellish | • Tribute   |

Players should look up the definition of each word in the dictionary and discuss the definitions and pronunciations until both players understand the meanings.

To set-up the game, lay the cards out on the table or floor face down in a rectangle.

**Rules of the Game:**

- Players will take turns. On his turn, each player will flip over 2 cards and read the words aloud.
- If the two cards contain matching words, the player must use the word in a sentence correctly. If the word is used correctly the player keeps the cards. If the player cannot use the word correctly in a sentence, the cards must be flipped back over in place. The word should be looked up in the dictionary to clarify the definition.
- If the two cards do not contain matching words the turn is over, and the player must flip the cards back over in place.
- Players take turns flipping over cards and trying to make matches until all of the cards are gone. At the end of the game, players should each count their cards. The player with the most cards wins the game!

**Take it Further:**

To play again, select six new words and write them on another set of index cards to start the game again! To add difficulty in subsequent rounds, players can be required to use each word in more than one sentence. Words from the WordGirl dictionary can be found here and used for subsequent rounds:

[http://www.pbs.org/parents/wordgirl/pt\\_dictionary.html](http://www.pbs.org/parents/wordgirl/pt_dictionary.html)

**Education Sidebar:**

Episode: "The Learnerer" [#410]

Age Range: 6-8 year olds

Objectives:

- To expand and reinforce vocabulary
- To express comprehension through oral responses
- To practice memorization
- To promote use of a dictionary

Skills:

- Language and literacy
- Vocabulary
- Cooperative play
- Memorization

Subject Areas:

- Language Arts



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