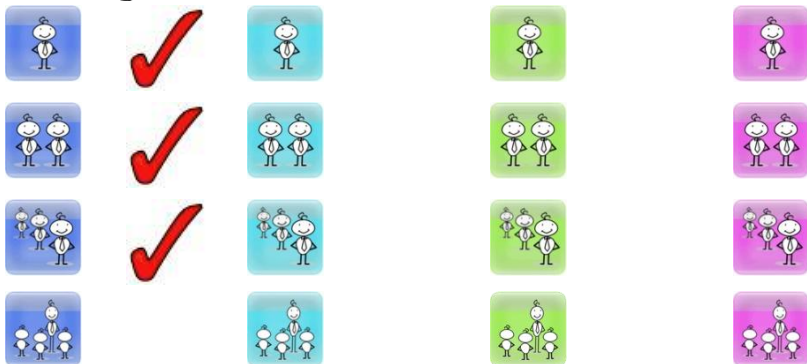# Vocab Snowball

key

other information

This exercise can be shortened by removing either the individual, paired or group sections. It can also be easily adapted to use as a plenary or AfL activity.

instructions

The aim of this exercise is for pupils through discussion to identify the meaning of key words.

Pupils will be given a key word and a pen/piece of paper.

Individually they have 90 seconds to write down what they think the meaning is. A timer is available on the resource for this.

They then join together in groups and have 90 seconds to compare their work and decide on the definition. A timer is also available on the resource for this.

This is then repeated in groups.

Finally the groups feedback the definitions to the class.

Don't have an interactive whiteboard….

Use a stopwatch to time each activity and countdown how long is left.

The table below explains what each icon used on the resources key represents. The key is broken down into 4 categories:

Starters (blue)   Main lesson activities (cyan)   AfL activities (green)   Plenary (magenta)

Each category is then broken down into 4 sub categories:

Teacher led activities   Individual activities   Paired activities   Group activities

STARTER: GROUP ACTIVITY
A lesson starter activity which involves groups or 3 or more.

STARTER: PAIRED ACTIVITY
A lesson starter activity which involves pupils working in pairs.

LESSON ACTIVITY: GROUPS
A main lesson activity which involves groups or 3 or more.

LESSON ACTIVTIY: PAIRS
A main lesson activity which involves pupils working in pairs.

AfL ACTIVITY: GROUPS
An assessment activity which involves groups or 3 or more.

AfL ACTIVITY: PAIRS
An assessment activity which involves pupils working in pairs.

PLENARY: GROUP ACTIVITY
An end of lesson plenary activity which involves groups or 3 or more.

PLENARY: PAIRED ACTIVITY
An end of lesson plenary activity which involves pupils working in pairs.

STARTER: INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY
A lesson starter activity which involves pupils working as individuals.

STARTER: TEACHER LED ACTIVITY
A lesson starter activity which is led by the teacher with the pupils following the guidance given.

LESSON ACTIVITY: INDIVIDUAL
A main lesson activity which involves pupils working as individuals.

LESSON ACTIVITY: TEACHER LED
A main lesson activity which is led by the teacher with the pupils following the guidance given.

AfL ACTIVITY: INDIVIDUAL
An assessment activity which involves pupils working as individuals.

AfL ACTIVITY: TEACHER LED
An assessment activity which is led by the teacher with the pupils following the guidance given.

PLENARY: INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY
An end of lesson plenary activity which involves pupils working as individuals.

PLENARY: TEACHER LED ACTIVITY
An end of lesson plenary activity which is led by the teacher with the pupils following the guidance given.