

MATES Junior Activity Resource Guide

Goal: **Academic skills**

Activity Type: 2-4 mentees
Relationship Stage: Any

Activity Name:

"Synonym Memory"

Objective:

Practice and expand vocabulary by matching synonyms

Preparation Time:

10 minutes

Activity Duration:

15-20 minutes

Required Material:

- Two sets of cards which have matching synonyms (see supplementary materials)

Instructions:

- Create two decks of cards of matching synonyms, with 25-35 matches.
- Lay the cards face-down and spread them out so they aren't covering or touching each other
- Just like the card game "Memory", mentees take turns turning over 2 cards to try and make a match.
- If they make a match, they keep those cards and get another turn. If no match is made, the other mentee takes a turn.
- The mentee with the most pairs at the end wins.

Further Notes:

- One set of game cards are provided, but try making your own.
- Alternatively, make one deck of cards which are vocabulary and the other with definitions of those words – then match the word with the definition. A fun way to practice and expand vocab.
- If your mentee does a reading log and records difficult or unknown words, integrate those into the game.