

Requests in the classroom games

Requests in the classroom make me do it game

Ask someone to do something using a verb card from below. If they (really) do the right thing, you get one point each. You must use a different action each time, but you can reuse the verbs with different requests.

Requests in the classroom brainstorming game

Work in groups of three or four. Choose one of the verbs and take turns making different requests with it around the group. You both get one point if the next person does what you ask.

Requests in the classroom excuses game

Politely say no to as many classroom requests as you can, with a different reason each time, stopping when you can't think of any more reasons and so have to say yes, when you repeat a reason, or when your reason isn't good enough. If you are scoring, you then get one point for each excuse that your partner accepted.

Ask about any verbs you couldn't use, etc.

Without looking at the cards, mark each line below with "S" for the same meaning or "D" for different meanings.

- bring/ take
- carry/ hold
- clean/ tidy (up)
- close/ shut
- give/ lend
- read out/ read out loud
- remove/ take off
- switch on/ turn on
- switch off/ turn off
- turn down/ turn off

What are the differences between the verbs that are different?

Suggested verbs for classroom requests

bring	carry/ take	change	clean
clear up/ clear away	close/ shut	copy	erase
explain/ describe	give	hang	hold
lend	lock	move	lower
open	pass	pick up/ lift (up)/ raise	pull
push/ press	put away	put together	put on
put up	read (out/ out loud)	remove/ take off	say/ pronounce
spell	switch on/ turn on	switch off/ turn off	take out
tell	tidy (up)	tie	turn/ twist
turn down	turn over	turn up	unlock
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