



Word Association is a fun and quick way to introduce the concept of reciprocity to kids who have fairly robust vocabularies, but struggle in conversation. Similar to conversational exchanges which build shared meaning, Word Association requires active listening and perspective taking to complete a valid turn.

To play the game, each student is given a pile of same-colored squares.

The first student lays down one of his squares while saying a word. The next student lays down his square next to the first square while saying a related word. Reciprocal turns continue to build a visual road representing connected thoughts until the students are out of squares.

A student must monitor his peer's turns for connectedness. If the connection between the 2 most recent words is not apparent to the listening student, he may call a "foul" and the speaking student must explain the connection.