

## Word Square

**Level:** Any

**Timing:** 15 - 25 mins

**Resources:** Whiteboard

**Language:** Vocabulary

**Plan:** Draw a square on the board and divide it into 9

T	I	N
C	<b>A</b>	R
E	Y	L

The idea is to make words using the letters in the square.

- Every word must contain the letter in the centre (**A** in the example above)
- Letters can be used only once (**YEAR** is OK, but not **YEARLY**)
- There is a bonus score for making a word with all 9 letters

The game is scored by the length of words. So RAT = 3 points, LATE = 4 points, EARLY = 5 points, etc. A nine-letter word scores 20 points.

Put the trainees into teams of 2 or 3. Set a time limit of 10 minutes. They should write a list of as many words as they can. After the time is up, get the trainees to swap their lists with another team for marking. The winning team is the one with the most points.

### Alternative / Extension Activities:

- For lower levels, dispense with the *centre letter* rule
- You can use any nine-letter word for this game. Ideally, it should consist of a few different vowels