

Wortschatzspiel

Teacher's notes: Wortschatzspiel

Wortschatzspiel is a technique to help pupils learn vocabulary more effectively. It is based on Aristotle's famous 'memento loci' – memory of places.

- 1 Choose a list of words that the pupils are to learn on any given topic.

Wortschatzspiel allows for up to twelve words but can also be used in multiples of twelve.

- 2 The grid shows twelve locations around a normal school. These can be adapted for your own school location.
- 3 Pupils put one word in each box under a location.
- 4 They then memorise the word according to its location around the school.
- 5 When asked to recall the vocabulary, they simply walk around the school in their head and the location helps them remember the word.
- 6 As a variation, instead of school, pupils could use their own home, their town or a park and adapt accordingly.

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das Klassenzimmer	die Sporthalle	der Parkplatz	das Sprachlabor
die Toilette	der Spielplatz	der Musiksaal	das Physiklabor
die Aula	die Bibliothek	der Tennisplatz	der Speisesaal