

LOOK IN THE LAKE Bingo

This age-old game can be played communally by an unlimited number of players. Of course, this version integrates pronunciation and listening.

Game Objective

- To cover five words in a row. The five words can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal.

Language Objectives

- To listen and recognize words aurally
- To distinguish words with similar sounds
- (For the caller) To pronounce words very clearly

Getting Ready

- Choose two **LOOK IN THE LAKE** decks, and take one picture card from each book for a total of 26 cards.
- Give players the list of 26 words. They can copy them from the board, or you can dictate them and check the spelling.
- Have players draw a grid 5 by 5 on a sheet of paper, or hand out blank sheets with 5 by 5 grids. Have players write FREE in the middle space, and then choose 24 of the words to write in the remaining spaces in random order. Each player will have a different game sheet.
- Hand out pennies or small squares of paper to use as markers.
- Shuffle or mix the **LOOK IN THE LAKE** calling cards.
- Draw a card from the pile and call out the word. If players find that word on their game sheet, they place a marker over it.
- When a player has covered five words in a row, s/he shouts out, "BINGO!" The game pauses. The player calls out each of the five words, and the teacher (caller) confirms them. If there is a mistake, the game continues. Therefore, before hearing the player's words, tell the rest of the players not to remove their markers.
- If the five words are correct, the class may congratulate the winner by shouting "Congratulations!"

Game Variations

- Divide the class into four groups. Give each group 26 **LOOK IN THE LAKE** calling cards. Have group members take turns being the caller.
- Have students take turns being the caller for the whole class.
- Play without the FREE space, and use 25 words.
- Have students play with more than one game sheet. They may draw two 5 by 5 grids on one sheet of paper.
- Use 52 different cards from 4 decks to practice more words.
- For short games, use 3 by 3 grids.