Memory Madness

This is a game my family used to play on long car rides. We would call it categories, but I have adapted this version from a game called Memory Madness by the Great American Puzzle Factory.

Rules- Go in a circle and each person must give an example from the given category. If someone cannot come up with one within a few seconds (we usually start a countdown from 5 once there is a pause) they are now out of the round. The others in the group continue until one is left. If a student repeats an example that has been given, they are out. I have the players “police” their own games. If they do not think the example works, they give a thumbs down and the player needs to come up with another word. Sometimes the players can make a rule in the middle of the category (category- people best known by one name. rule- no more presidents accepted). I usually have students play in groups of four and then send up the best player to compete in front of the class. We then try to relate to terms like retrieval, hierarchies, automatic processing, encoding failure, interference…

**Categories**

Brands of cereal Advertising slogans One word movie titles College Mascots

Two word cities Fast food restaurants TV families Mathematical symbols

Punctuation marks Brands of chewing gum Things found at a beach Mexican food

Red things Things you plug in Birds Flowers Units of measurement Famous dogs

Rivers Female singers People best known by one name Movies with “Love” in title

Sports balls Movies that have a sequel Candy Bars Emotions Athletic shoe companies

Desserts Clothing stores Berries Rides and Disneyland Non-religious holidays

Insects Metals Popular Collectibles Magazines Salad Dressings State capitals

Geometric shapes Women’s professional sports teams Football positions Soft drinks

Discount stores Animals found in a zoo Pizza toppings Automobile manufactures

Chinese food European cites Movies with a number in the title (no sequels) Islands

Dances Things found in a sporting goods store Children’s books Current movies

Toiletries Indian Tribes Football penalties Monopoly Real Estate Card games Nuts