

# Woosh!

**Age group:** 5 - 10

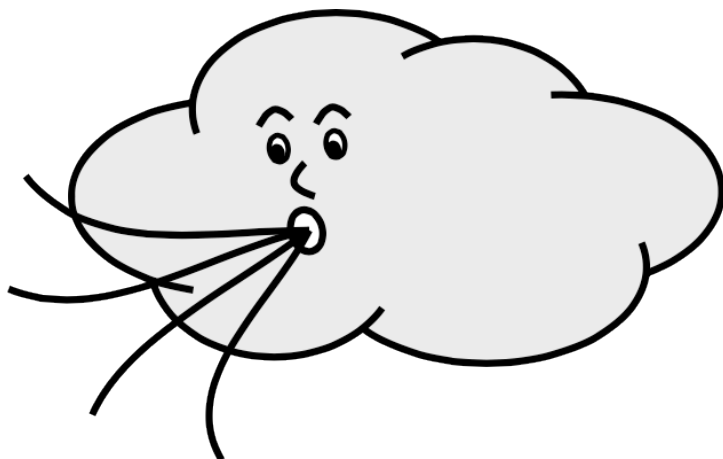
**English level:** Beginner to intermediate

**Resources:** Woosh cards and templates

**Preparation time:** Lunch break/night before

**Skills used:** Reading - fluency, automatic word recognition, playing together.

**Lesson objective:** Increase automatic word recognition.



## Pre-lesson preparation

Print *woosh* templates (1 per player).

Print *woosh* cards (1 page of cards per player)

Cut out *woosh* cards.

If you are using the *woosh* stories, make sure students are familiar with the story first.

## Lesson plan

If you are using *woosh* to practice re-reading and re-telling a story, make sure students have read or heard the story several times so that they are familiar with it. If you are using *woosh* to practice recognizing vocabulary words, revise these words before you start the game.

*Woosh* can be played in groups of up to 5 players, but a group of 3 is optimal. Choose one group of students as a demonstration group and talk them through the game to model how it is played. The rules are the same every time, so once students are familiar with the game they can easily play it independently with new cards.

- Seat all the players in a circle or around a table.
- Give each player a *woosh* template. Give them a few moments to read over the template to become familiar with it.
- Spread all the cards face down in the middle of the circle.
- Players take turns to pick up a card. They should read it aloud, and if it matches an unfilled space on their template they can place the card on the template. If the space is already filled, they should replace the card facedown on the table with the other cards. If a player picks up a card that says 'woosh!' on it, shout 'woosh!', and mime all of that player's cards being blown away. The player who picked up the *woosh* card should remove all of their cards from their template, and replace them facedown on the table. Discard the *woosh* card. Reshuffle all of the facedown cards. The winner is the first player to fill up their *woosh* template.