

Generic Bingo Card Maker for creating adult literacy and numeracy activities



Card 1

Item 1			Item 16
Item 4		Item 10	
	Item 7	Item 13	

Card 2

Item 2			Item 14
		Item 11	
Item 5	Item 8		Item 15

Hilary Scotton, the contributor, says:

Dear Maggie,

I thought you might be interested in the attached file. I've been adapting some vocabulary games from Peter Watcyn-Jones's book, Vocabulary 1. He has a really nice Bingo game in there.

Another tutor said how time consuming it was creating Bingo games and I've found some programs on the web, but they all seem to start with a 3x3 card and go up to 5x5 versions. They don't look very good either. I prefer the design in Peter's book as there are only six items per card, which I think would suit tutors better.

I had an idea that there might be something in Excel and I've actually got it to do something useful! I've managed to create a generic Bingo "program". If you key in the items in the second grid, it will automatically copy them into the relevant Bingo cards. You will be able to see the formula used, so it should be easily adaptable if you want to create more cards. Peter's game was for teaching ESOL students synonyms. I'm using it for my literacy students (for different synonyms), but numeracy tutors will probably find a use for it as well. (e.g. the tutor calls out '24' and the student crosses out '6 x 4' on the card).

I don't think there will be any copyright problems as I've only used the layout of the cards - and I'm sure that must be pretty generic as well. However, I've given him a credit.

In the meantime, if anyone ever lets you know what that formula is REALLY for, I'd be interested to know. I can't think what point there would be in repeating information more than once in a cell - as it's potential is to repeat something 'x' number of times.

Bye for now

Hilary

Bingo card maker available at: <http://www.skillsworkshop.org/general/bingocards.xls>