

Title	Key Word Hangman
Time	No time limit
Preparation	You will need to prepare a range of key sociological ideas (for example, Functionalism, Interactionism, Anomie, Alienation, etc.). These can be general or specifically aimed at a particular area of the syllabus being revised. Your students should be divided into groups of 3 or 4.
Materials	You will need a large black / white board at the front of the class.
Prior Knowledge	None.
Objective	This is a simple, competitive, revision technique based on the traditional game of Hangman. It should help your students with the knowledge and interpretation aspects of their course.
The Exercise	<p>You “hide” a word on the board / flip chart after first giving your students a clue as to the general syllabus area it mainly relates to (for example, the hidden word “Anomie” relates to areas such as deviance). The word is represented by a series of dashes, one dash for each letter.</p> <p>Group 1 is asked to guess the word or a letter. If the letter is correct, you write it in its correct position in the word (if the letter appears more than once you can use your discretion as to whether you write up all occurrences or leave them to try the same letter again).</p> <p>If a correct letter is guessed, the group have another turn. If they guess the word correctly they then have the chance to score extra points by providing a definition of the word.</p> <p>If the group guesses an incorrect letter or they guess the word incorrectly, this ends their turn. If the word is identified but the definition is incorrect, the turn passes to the next group to try to provide a correct definition.</p> <p>After a correct definition, the games restarts with the group who correctly identified the key word.</p>

Scoring:

A group **scores**:

- 1 point for every letter in the word correctly guessed.
- 5 point bonus for correctly guessing the word.
- 10 point bonus for a correct definition.

A group **loses**:

- 1 point for every letter in the word incorrectly guessed.
- 5 points for incorrectly guessing the word.

If you want, the traditional “hangman’s gibbet” can be drawn on the board for each incorrect letter, word guess or definition. If the figure is “hanged”, that round ends...