

CIMB Scrabble for English Programme 2010

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The CIMB Scrabble for English Program was conducted in two different sessions in Kuala Lumpur. With a well-planned arrangement, the first workshop was conducted at 12th College, Universiti Malaya, Petaling Jaya on the 30th and 31st October 2010 with a total of 48 pupils from 3 schools attending the workshop.

SJK (C) Ken Boon, Pontian
SK Ayer Puteh, Perak &
SK Changkat Ibul, Perak

The second workshop was held at 11th College, University Malaya, Petaling Jaya on the 6th and 7th of November 2010. The 4 schools that attended the workshop were :

SK Seri Lagenda, Langkawi;
SK Utan Aji, Perlis;
SK Pulau Kundor, Kelantan &
SK Pauh Lima, Kelantan.

A hands-on session with the students gave first-hand exposure on the game of Scrabble to the youngsters. Most of them have not even seen a Scrabble board. To many, it was an exciting and fun experience.

Teachers, on the other hand, were given a special in-depth tutorial on how to play Scrabble in a more detailed manner.



Besides Scrabble, the students were also taught how to play Grabble and Boggle.



An on-going English Language workshop was also conducted by the team from East West Learning Center where pupils were taught how to manipulate words from the Scrabble board into phrases, sentences and subsequently into a story.

Scrabble was used as a medium to teach students new words, enhance their vocabulary and also to think creatively. Teachers were also encouraged to be proactive in these activities so that they could inculcate the teaching method in their daily English lessons in school.

On the second day, a brief competition was carried out for the students to fuel up interest in these games among the participants. The kids were segregated into teams of 2 and they played round of Scrabble, Boggle and Grabble each. The ambience got more intense as the students vie for the first prize of a Boggle set! Grabble caught the most attention as the students were required to snatch their opponents tiles and alphabets to form words.

Using the lessons on prefixes and suffixes, the students did not hesitate to extend words and build longer words. It was very exciting and endearing to watch the kids enjoying themselves throughout these game sessions.

After the scores were tabulated, the teams from each school with the highest points were presented with a Boggle set each. The most outstanding Boggle player, determined by the number of words formed in 3 minutes received a Boggle set too.

For Camp 1, Ong Kwang Yi from SJK (C) Ken Boon emerged best Boggle player while Habib Iskandar bin Ahmad from SK Pauh Lima, Kelantan rose to the occasion on Camp 2.

The team from Malaysian Scrabble Association expressed that it was a special experience spending time with the kids and all of them enjoyed themselves. Overall, it was a great program!