

Taboo – chemical reactions

Have the cards cut up and ready to use before the lesson. You could laminate the cards to make them last longer.

Place the cards face down in a pile. Students take it in turns to take a card and try to describe the word at the top to the rest of the group. They may not use the words listed as 'Taboo', the word itself or any words derived from it. For example, to describe polymerisation they may not use the word 'polymer'.

This game can be played either as a whole class or in groups. The person who correctly identifies the word being described keeps the card and is the next to have a turn.

If the game is played in groups, the winner is the student with the most cards at the end of the game.

Electrolysis

Taboo:
electricity
electrode
splitting

Exothermic

Taboo:
energy
heat
hot
endothermic

Endothermic

Taboo:
energy
heat
cold
exothermic

Thermal
decomposition

Taboo:
heat
break down
reaction

Oxidation

Taboo:
oxygen
reduction

Reduction

Taboo:
oxidation
oxygen

Polymerisation

Taboo:
monomer
long chain

Precipitation

Taboo:
solid
liquid

Displacement

Taboo:
replace
precipitate
halogens