MATES Junior Activity Resource Guide
Goal: Academic skills

Activity Name:
“Synonym Memory”

Objective:
Practice and expand vocabulary by matching synonyms

Preparation Time:
10 minutes

Activity Duration:
15-20 minutes

Required Material:
• Two sets of cards which have matching synonyms (see supplementary materials)

Instructions:
• Create two decks of cards of matching synonyms, with 25-35 matches.
• Lay the cards face-down and spread them out so they aren’t covering or touching each other
• Just like the card game “Memory”, mentees take turns turning over 2 cards to try and make a match.
• If they make a match, they keep those cards and get another turn. If no match is made, the other mentee takes a turn.
• The mentee with the most pairs at the end wins.

Further Notes:
• One set of game cards are provided, but try making your own.
• Alternatively, make one deck of cards which are vocabulary and the other with definitions of those words – then match the word with the definition. A fun way to practice and expand vocab.
• If your mentee does a reading log and records difficult or unknown words, integrate those into the game.