



# Colegio Sagrado Corazón de Jesús

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**ACTIVITY TITLE: MEMORY DICTATION RACE**

**AIM OF THE ACTIVITY:** Speaking, listening, spelling and memorising

**ESTIMATED DURATION:** 20 minutes

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** A text cut into pieces

**ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:** Example of a useful text

**SUGGESTED LEVEL:** Easily adaptable to every level depending on the text chosen; preferably for Primary Education.

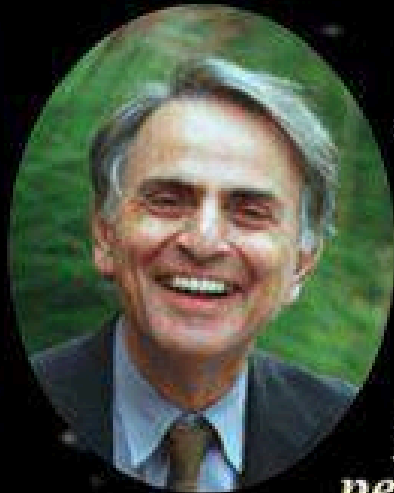
## PROCEDURE

This is a racing game in which each team has to write down a text without having it close. The teacher hides pieces of the text all over the class or even in the playground if you want to do it a more physical game. Members of the team stand up one by one, run to a piece of the text and try to memorise as many words as they can. Then run back to their groups and dictates them to the writer. Splitting the class in groups of three or four students is the best way I have found to put this activity into practice.

There are two rules. No one can shout and only one member of the team can stand up at a time. If you wish you can assign roles like writer, seeker and runners or make the students go through all of them.

- 1.- Teacher hides pieces of the text
- 2.- Students run and seek for them.
- 3.- Then memorise a part of the text and run back to dictate it to the writer
- 4.- The first team to complete the text without mistakes wins the game. Then all the class read the text together.

**Tip:** Teachers can use this activity to introduce a text students are going to work with.



*“What an astonishing thing a book is. It’s a flat object made from a tree with flexible parts on which are imprinted lots of funny dark squiggles. But one glance at it and you’re inside the mind of another person, maybe somebody dead for thousands of years. Across the millennia, an author is speaking clearly and silently inside your head, directly to you. Writing is perhaps the greatest of human inventions, binding together people who never knew each other, citizens of distant epochs. Books break the shackles of time. A book is proof that humans are capable of working magic.”*

*~ Carl Sagan*

