

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Game: describing, forming sentences from prompts, guessing, freer practice (group work)

Focus

Present simple passive
Describing objects

Aim

To describe objects using the present simple passive.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each group of four and cut as indicated.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this passive game, students practice describing objects using the present simple passive.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of four.

Give each group a set of cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the cards and place them face-down in a pile on the desk.

Students then take turns picking up a card and describing the object to the other students in the group using the present simple passive along with the pronoun: *it, they, this* or *these*.

For example, if a student picked up the picture of a dictionary, they might say, "It's made from paper. It's used in the classroom. It's bought by someone learning a language. It's used to find the meanings of words."

The first student to guess the object wins the card.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

