

Activity Type

Word order activity,
group work

Focus

Word order

Sentence structure

Aim

To form sentences from
word cards.

Preparation

Write target sentences on
slips of paper, cut each
sentence into word slips,
fold the slips and place
them inside a balloon.
Blow up the balloons and
number them. Do this for
each team.

All teams should have the
same sentences inside
numbered balloons.

Level

Any

Time

15 minutes

Introduction

This entertaining sentence race game is ideal for practicing sentence word order.

Procedure

Divide the students into teams of three or four.

Give each team balloon number one. Inside each balloon should be folded word slips that make up a sentence.

When you say 'go', the teams try to pop their balloons using only their elbows and then race to form a sentence from the word slips inside the balloon.

The first team to form the sentence and read it aloud scores a point.

Play several rounds.

The team with the most points at the end of the game is the winner.

You could also play this game to practice spelling and vocabulary by putting letter cards inside each balloon that form a word.