**Activity Type**
- Listening and speaking activity, group work

**Language Focus**
- Categories of words

**Aim**
- To keep a balloon airborne while saying words from a category.

**Preparation**
- A list of categories and a balloon.

**Level**
- Elementary

**Time**
- 15 minutes

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**Introduction**
- This energetic game helps students to revise categories of words.

**Procedure**
- Divide the students into four teams.
- Create a large space in the classroom.
- Divide the space in two with a row of chairs. This acts as the volleyball net.
- Explain that the students are going to play in a balloon volleyball tournament.
- Invite two teams to play first.
- Have each team stand spread out on either side of the net.
- Give one student the balloon.
- You stand by the net and act as umpire.
- Start the game by calling out a category you wish to revise, e.g. frequency adverbs.
- Every time the balloon is hit, either to another player or over the net to the other team, the student hitting the balloon must say a word from the category.
- If the balloon hits the floor, a word is not said or a word is repeated, the opposing team scores a point.
- Play for five minutes, changing the category each time a point is scored.
- After five minutes, repeat the game with the other two teams.
- The two teams with the most points then face off in the final round of the balloon volleyball tournament to decide the winner.