

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity, pairwork

Language Focus

Giving directions

Prepositions of movement and place

Aim

To practice giving and listening to directions.

Preparation

Two blindfolds and two soft balls

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

Here is an entertaining directions game to play with elementary students.

Procedure

Clear away the desks so you have space to play the game.

Choose four students to play first.

Divide the four students into two teams of two.

In each team, one player is the 'tank' and the other is the 'driver'.

Blindfold the two players who are the tanks.

Place two soft balls on the floor somewhere in the room.

The two tanks then stand at opposite ends of the room.

The drivers' task is to guide their tank to a ball by giving directions, e.g. go straight, turn right, etc.

When a tank is guided to a ball, the student picks up the ball and has ammunition to fire.

The driver then guides the tank to fire on the other tank, e.g. aim higher, to the left, etc.

If the ball hits the tank, the team wins.

If the ball misses, the driver guides the tank to the ball again.

When a team wins, repeat the game with the next four students and so on.

When everyone has played, the winning teams play against each other to find the ultimate champion.