

Activity Type

Listening and writing activity, group work

Language Focus

Parts of speech

Sentence structure.

Aim

To complete sentences in the same way as another student

Preparation

A list of blankety blank sentences

Level

Elementary and above

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This excellent ESL TV game show helps students to practice parts of speech and sentence structure.

Procedure

Divide the students into two equal teams. Give each student several small pieces of paper.

Have one student from each team come up and sit at the front of the class.

Read a sentence to the class using the word 'blank' for the missing part of the sentence, e.g. 'It was so hot yesterday my 'blank' melted.'

The aim of the game is for the team members to complete the sentence in the same way as their teammate at the front of the class.

Everyone secretly writes down their missing word or phrase, without talking or communicating. When everyone has written an answer, the team members take it in turns to say or show their word or phrase.

The student at the front then reveals their answer. For every matching answer, teams score a point.

Two new students then come up to the front and so on. The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.

Blankety blank sentences:

1. It was so hot yesterday my _____ melted.
2. My brother never _____ with me.
3. I haven't _____ for a long time.
4. I always go _____ after class.
5. I'm so hungry, I could eat a _____.
6. I like _____ before I go to school.
7. I saw a _____ man on the bus.
8. Last night, I _____.
9. (Student's name) has a small _____.
10. He was so drunk, he _____.
11. My teacher is _____.
12. My dog likes to eat _____.
13. Look! I've never seen such a big _____.
14. I couldn't _____ until I was 15.
15. I am going to _____ tomorrow.
16. (Student's name) is the _____ in the class.
17. I am going to _____ tomorrow.
18. (Student's name) is always _____.
19. If (Student's name) found 1000 dollars, he/she would _____.
20. I have never _____.