

### Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity, pairwork

### Language Focus

Describing

Vocabulary revision

### Aim

To describe words and to guess words from another student's descriptions.

### Preparation

None

### Level

Elementary and above

### Time

15 minutes

### Introduction

This ESL describing game can be used to help students revise categories of words or vocabulary you have been teaching in class.

### Procedure

Divide the students into pairs (A and B).

Give each pair a pen and a piece of paper.

Have all Student As sit facing away from the board.

Write five to ten words on the board that you want the students to practice or revise.

For example, if you wanted to revise sports, you might write: tennis, football, cycling, badminton, volleyball, etc.

Student B then describes the first word on the board to Student A without saying the word and speaking only in English.

Example: tennis

B: People play this sport on a court. They use a racket and ball to play. This sport is usually played between two people'.

Student A listens and then writes down the word they think it is and shows it to Student B.

Student A is not allowed to speak during the game.

If the word is correct, Student B moves onto describe the second word on the board and so on.

If it's wrong, Student B continues with their definition until their partner is able to guess the word.

The first pair of students to finish wins the round and scores a point.

The students then swap roles and a new set of words is written on the board and so on.

The pair with the most points at the end of the game wins.