

Activity Type

Writing activity, group work

Language Focus

Descriptions

Adjective-noun combinations

Aim

To write descriptions of things you see in a short video clip.

Preparation

Prepare a 5-10 minute video clip for the students to watch.

The clip could be from a film, TV programme or music video. The clip should contain numerous things and have a diverse backdrop.

Level

Elementary and above

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This describing game is a great way to incorporate videos into your lesson.

Procedure

Divide the students into teams of three or four.

Give each team a pen and piece of paper.

Tell the students that they are going to watch a short video clip and write down as many descriptions as they can from what they see in the video.

For each suitable adjective-noun combination the students write down, they score one point, e.g. sports car.

For each complete sentence describing part of the video, students score five points, e.g. 'The man in the red sports car is driving fast'.

At the end of the video, go through each team's answers.

The team with the most points wins the game.

This game can also be used to practice verbs, prepositions, etc.