

Activity Type

Writing Game: writing collocations and descriptions (group work)

Focus

Descriptions

Adjective-noun collocations

Aim

To write descriptions of visible objects using adjective-noun collocations.

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

Pre-intermediate (A2-B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this descriptions game, students describe things they see in a short video clip.

Procedure

Divide the students into teams of three or four.

Give each team a pen and piece of paper.

Students then 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 collocation 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.