Activity Type
Listening and speaking activity

Language Focus
Yes/no questions and short answers
Verbs

Aim
To practice yes/no questions and short answers in various tenses

Preparation
None

Level
Pre-intermediate and above

Time
20 minutes

Introduction

Here is an amusing game to help students practice a variety of yes/no questions, short answers and tenses.

Procedure

Invite one student to the front of the class and give the student a slip of paper.

Ask the student to secretly think of a verb and write it on the paper, e.g. sleep.

The other students' task is to guess the verb by taking it in turns to ask the student a yes/no question using the invented verb 'glug'.

Example: sleep

B: Have you ever glugged? A: Yes, I have.
C: Do you glug every day? A: Yes, I do.
D: Can you glug in class? A: No, you can't.
E: Are you glugging now? A: No, I'm not.
F: Is it difficult to glug? A: No, it isn't.

When a student thinks they know the verb, they call out their answer.

The first student to guess the correct verb wins and scores a point.

The winning student then becomes the next student to choose a verb.

The student with the most points at the end of the game is the winner.