

Activity Type

Reading and speaking activity, group work

Language Focus

Error correction

Aim

To identify grammar mistakes in sentences.

Preparation

Prepare 16 sentences, some sentences should be correct and some should contain grammar mistakes.

Level

Elementary and above

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

Here is a handy game to help your students identify grammar mistakes.

Procedure

Write or display the 16 sentences on the board.

Divide the students into four teams.

Explain that all the sentences on the board are for sale and that you are going to auction the sentences off to the highest bidder.

Tell the students that each team has \$100 and that their task is to buy the sentences they think are correct.

In their teams, the students then discuss which sentences they think are right and decide which ones to buy. The students should also decide how much they are prepared to pay for each sentence.

Tell the students that they shouldn't spend too much money too soon as once they have spent all their money they won't be able to buy any more sentences.

You then take on the role of an auctioneer and sell each sentence to the team who offers the most money.

Keep track of how much each team has spent on the board.

When all the sentences have been sold, go through them one at a time and elicit which ones are correct and which are incorrect.

If a sentence is wrong, ask the students to correct the mistake.

The team that bought the most correct sentences wins the game.

If it's a draw, the team with the most money left wins.