Activity Type
Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, group work

Language Focus
Grammar
Sentence structure
Vocabulary revision

Aim
To write sentences containing a certain word and to identify grammar mistakes.

Preparation
None

Level
Elementary and above

Time
25 minutes

Introduction
This ESL game is ideal for reviewing all aspects of grammar. It also helps you to spot problem areas or common mistakes that your students are making.

Procedure
Divide the students into four teams. Choose one student in each team to be the 'runner' and one student to be the 'writer'.

Assign each team with a number and allocate a space on the board for each team to write.

Have the writers stand next to their space by the board.

Give each team a different keyword. The keywords should be vocabulary you wish the students to revise.

Each team must then come up with sentences using their keyword.

When a team thinks of a sentence, they tell the runner. The runner then goes to the board and tells the sentence to the writer who writes it on the board.

After a few minutes, stop the round and evaluate the sentences from each team.

Award one to three points for each sentence, depending on the grammar, sentence structure and vocabulary usage.

If you spot a mistake, ask the other teams to identify and correct it.

The first student to raise their hand and correct the mistake scores the points for their team.

Play a few rounds using different keywords each time.

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