Hot Potato

Activity Type

Speaking Game: answering questions

Focus

Answering questions

Aim

To give answers to questions.

Preparation

None

Level

Beginner (A1)

Time

10 minutes

Introduction

Here is a quick and easy ESL game to motivate your students to answer questions. This game can be played in any situation where the students have to answer questions in class, e.g. answering exercise questions.

Procedure

Take a small object such as an eraser.

Hand the object to a student and then turn around facing away from the students.

Tell the students to pass the object around.

After a few seconds have passed, shout 'Stop!'

The student holding the object at that time must then answer a question set by you.

If the student answers the question successfully, they score a point.

If not, the game continues.

When a question has been answered correctly, repeat the process.

Continue until all the questions have been answered correctly.

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

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