

Activity Type

Spelling activity, group work

Language Focus

Film titles, idioms, slogans, famous people and places

Aim

To guess film titles, idioms, slogans, famous people and places from hangman clues

Preparation

Prepare some hangman words and clues.

Film titles, idioms, slogans, famous people and places work well.

Level

Any

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This hangman game has been specially adapted for the ESL classroom.

Procedure

Divide the students into four teams (A, B, C and D).

Copy the following onto the board:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Correct consonant = 20pts

Vowel = -10pts

Correct answer = 50pts

Wrong answer = -50pts

A. 50

B. 50

C. 50

D. 50

Clue - It's big and green.

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Each team starts with 50 points.

Read the clue to the class.

Teams then take it in turns to choose a letter from the top of the board.

If a team chooses a consonant that's in one of the words, they score 20 points for each occurrence of the letter.

If a team chooses a vowel, they lose 10 points.

A correct answer is worth 50 points (e.g. The Amazon).

If a team gives the wrong answer, they lose 50 points.

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