Activity Type
Spelling activity, group work

Language Focus
Sentence structure

Aim
To guess the letters of a hangman sentence in order

Preparation
None

Level
Any

Time
20 minutes

Introduction
In this hangman game, students guess the letters of a sentence in order and teams only get one guess at each letter before the answer to that letter is given.

Procedure
Divide the students into two teams.

Draw a line for each letter in your chosen sentence. Separate the words with a slash.

Explain to the teams that they are going to play a game of hangman, but instead of guessing any letter they must guess the letters in order through the sentence and teams only get one guess at each letter before the answer to that letter is given.

Write the first letter of the first word on the board.

Ask the first team to guess what letter comes next.

If the first team guesses the correct letter, write it in the space and ask the other team for the next letter.

If the first team guesses incorrectly, draw the first part of the hangman for that team and ask the second team what letter they think comes next.

If the second team gets the letter wrong, draw the first part of the hangman for their team. Then, write the correct letter in the space and move on to the next letter.

Continue until the whole sentence is complete. The team with the least complete hangman wins the round and receives one point.

If a team’s hangman is completed, they lose the round and a point is awarded to the other team.

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