

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity

Language Focus

Question and answer structures

Aim

To repeat and practice question and answer structures.

Preparation

None

Level

Any

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

This fun ESL game is perfect for drilling question and answer structures that you have recently covered in class.

Procedure

Start the game by selecting four students. These students are hobbits. Their task is to ask questions.

Have the four hobbits stand in a line in front of the board.

You are the King. You sit on your throne behind the hobbits.

Assign each of the four hobbits with a question, e.g. 'What's your name?' 'How old are you?' 'Where do you live?' 'What's your favourite food?'

The remaining students are orcs. The orcs form a queue near the first hobbit.

The first hobbit asks the first orc in the queue their assigned question, e.g. 'What's your name?' The orc replies 'My name is...' and the two students rock, paper, scissors.

If the orc wins, they move on to the second hobbit, who asks the orc the next assigned question, e.g. 'How old are you?'

The orc replies and the two students rock, paper, scissors. If the orc wins, they proceed to the third hobbit and so on.

However, if at any time an orc answers incorrectly or loses at rock, paper, scissors, they must return to the back of the queue and repeat the whole process.

If an orc manages to get past all four hobbits, they have a showdown with the King! You can ask the orc any question that you have covered in class.

If the orc answers correctly, you rock, paper, scissors. If the orc wins, you are dethroned and the orc is now the King.

You then rejoin the game with the other orcs in an attempt to get past all the hobbits to reclaim your throne!