

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity

Language Focus

Vocabulary revision

Aim

To say words associated with a category

Preparation

An inflatable hammer or toy

Level

Any

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

This amusing word association game has been adapted from an English TV game show.

Procedure

Divide the students into two teams.

Have the students line up in their team.

Place two chairs at the front of the classroom.

Have one player from each team come and sit on a chair.

Give the two players a category, e.g. sports.

The two players then take it in turns to say a word associated with the category.

If a player can't think of a word, hesitates or repeats a word, they get hit with an inflatable hammer or toy and are out of the game.

A new player from their team then comes and sits in the chair and the two players are given a new category.

When a student beats three opposing team members, they step down and let someone else play.

The first team to run out of players loses.

As a variation, have the students sit in a circle and call out a category.

The students take it in turns to say a word associated with the category. If a student hesitates, repeats a word or can't think of a word, they are out of the game and leave the circle.

The game continues with a new category until one student is left. That student is the winner.