

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game: identifying, following instructions (pair work)

Focus

Parts of the body

Aim

To practice or review parts of the body

Preparation

Music

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

15 minutes

Introduction

Here is an amusing ESL game that combines music with learning parts of the body.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs (Student A and B).

Ask the A students to stand close together in a circle and hold hands.

Ask the B students to make another circle surrounding the first circle and to also hold hands.

Tell the students in the inner circle to move around clockwise when they hear music and the outer circle to move around anticlockwise.

Explain that when the music stops, you are going to call out two parts of the body.

The students' task is to then find their partner as quickly as possible and touch each other using the two parts of the body called out.

Let the music play for a while, then stop the music and call out two parts of the body, e.g. elbow to hand.

Students then race to find their partner and put one elbow to their partner's hand.

The last pair of students to get into position is out of the game.

Students then get back into the two circles and the music starts again.

The last pair of students left win the game.