

Activity Type

Listening activity,
pairwork

Language Focus

Parts of the body

Aim

To practice or review
parts of the body

Preparation

Music

Level

Young learners

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 (A and B).

Ask the A students to stand in a close 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 anti-clockwise.

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 and then stop the music at an appropriate point.

You then call out two parts of the body, e.g. elbow to hand.

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

The last pair of students to find each other and get into position is out of the game.

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

The last pair of students left win the game.