

### Activity Type

Brainstorming and spelling activity, group work

### Language Focus

Categories of words

### Aim

To guess words belonging to a category from letters written on the board.

### Preparation

Prepare categories with ten words in each category.

Example: animals

1. monkey
2. tiger
3. elephant
4. hippopotamus
5. cat
6. deer
7. leopard
8. giraffe
9. dog
10. mouse

### Level

Young learners

### Time

20 minutes

### Introduction

In this fun category game, students guess words belonging to a category as letters are gradually added to each word.

### Procedure

Divide the class into two teams (A and B).

Write numbers 1 to 10 on the board.

Explain that the students are going to guess words belonging to a category as letters are gradually added to each word.

Tell the students what the words all have in common, e.g. they are all animals.

Ask Team A to choose a number, e.g. 3.

Write the first letter of the word next to the number, e.g. 3. e

Team A then tries to guess the word.

If Team A correctly guesses the word, they score one point and the word is written on the board, e.g. 3 elephant. The team then plays again.

If they guess incorrectly, play passes to Team B.

Each time a team chooses a number, the next letter of the word is added to the board.

Play several rounds using a different category each time.

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