

Activity Type

Speaking activity, group work

Focus

Vocabulary revision

Aim

To try to say words from a category that match words on a list.

Preparation

Make one copy of the categories list.

If you wish to revise other vocabulary, create your own categories with ten words in each category.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this entertaining brainstorming game, students try to say words from a category that match words on a list.

Procedure

Divide the students into three or four teams.

Call out a category to the first team, e.g. sports.

The first team then has one minute to shout out as many words as they can relating to the category.

The team scores one point for every word that is on the word list.

Afterwards, call out the next category and it's the second team's turn to play and so on.

The game continues until all the categories have been used.

The team with the most points at the end of the game is the winner.

As an alternative, repeat the same category with all the teams and reveal the scores and answers at the end of each round.

Sports	Countries	Emotions
football tennis volleyball skiing table tennis baseball swimming cricket rugby basketball	England Thailand Japan China Australia America Brazil India France Canada	happy sad angry proud serious brave excited tired bored mad
Parts of the body	Colours	Clothes
arms legs head toes knees thighs neck ears mouth stomach	blue red green yellow orange purple pink white brown gold	shirt shoes trousers socks shorts tie dress skirt hat boots
Things in the classroom	Places	Verbs
rubber pencil pencil case ruler book table students white/blackboard chalk chair	swimming pool school museum library supermarket department store bus station beach amusement park cinema	read jump play run swim hop ride watch eat write
Fruit	Animals	Food
banana pineapple lemon orange apple watermelon strawberry mango papaya guava	dog elephant monkey tiger lion kangaroo shark turtle rabbit chicken	hamburger spaghetti pasta hot dog pizza sandwich rice noodles fish chicken