Age/Level: Any     Time: 20 minutes     Players: 2 teams

Preparation: A list of vocabulary items, some paper and coloured pens

Aim: To match words with pictures

This is an imaginative ESL game for teaching vocabulary to your students.

For this vocabulary game, you will need a list of words you wish to review, some paper and coloured pens.

Procedure

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

Give each team some pieces of paper and coloured pens.

Tell the teams the words from your list. The teams make a drawing of each word on a separate piece of paper. The students must not write the words on the pictures.

Try to have each student draw at least one picture.

When both teams have finished drawing, collect the pictures representing the target vocabulary.

Next, clear away the desks, so you have a runway from the back of the class to the board.

Then stick up both team’s pictures on the board. When you stick them on the board, make sure that both team’s pictures are well mixed up.

After that, draw or mark a line near the back of the class.

The two teams then get behind the line.

One player from each team, steps up to the line.

Say one of the words from the list and the two players race to the board.

The first player back over the line with the correct picture gets a point for their team.

The pictures are then stuck back on the board, and the next two players step up to the line and so on.

The team with the highest number of points at the end of the game wins.