

Activity Type

Drawing, listening and matching activity, group work

Language Focus

Vocabulary

Aim

To match words with pictures

Preparation

A list of target vocabulary, some paper and coloured pens

Level

Young learners

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

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

Procedure

Divide the students into two teams.

Give each team some pieces of paper and coloured pens.

Write target vocabulary you want the students to practice on the board.

Each team then makes a drawing of each word on a separate piece of paper. Teams do this without writing the words on the pictures.

Try to have each student draw at least one picture.

When both teams have finished drawing, collect in the pictures and mix them up.

Next, erase the target vocabulary from the board and stick up both team's pictures in a random order.

Create a runway from the back of the class to the board and mark a start/finish line near the back of the class.

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

Say one of the target words and the two players race to the board to grab a corresponding picture.

The first player back over the line with a correct picture scores 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 most points at the end of the game wins.