

### Activity Type

Spelling and speaking activity, group work

### Language Focus

Categories of words

### Aim

To say category words beginning with a certain letter.

### Preparation

A list of categories

### Level

Any

### Time

15 minutes

### Introduction

Here is a fast-paced category game for students of all ages.

### Procedure

Draw the following table on the board:

	Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D
E	X	X	X	X
H				
R				
W				
T				
A				
L				
C				
S				
FINISH				

You can add more teams/letters or change the letters if need be.

Divide the students into four teams.

All teams start on the top row. As the game progresses, mark each team's latest position on the board with an X.

Tell the students that to move down to the next row their team must say a word from a category beginning with the letter E.

Explain that a category will be chosen at random each time and that the teams have a set amount of time to give an answer, e.g. five seconds.

Call out a random category from your list for Team A.

If Team A can think of a word for that category beginning with the letter E within the set time frame, they move down to the next row (H).

If the team cannot think of a word, they stay on the same row until their next turn when they are given another random category.

Team B is then given a random category from the list and they try to think of a word and so on.

The first team to reach the finish wins the game. If two teams reach the finish on the same round, play tiebreaker rounds until there is one winning team.