Red Light, Green Light

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game: listing

Focus

Numbers

The alphabet

Categories of words

Aim

To revise numbers, the alphabet and categories of words.

Preparation

None

Level

Beginner (A1)

Time

15 minutes

Introduction

Here is a fun childhood game for practicing numbers, the alphabet and categories of words.

Procedure

Choose one student to come to the front of the class and be the announcer.

The announcer's job is to say 'Red light' and 'Green light'.

Red light means stop writing and green light means start writing.

The other students are players.

Have the players come up to the board.

Give each student a board marker.

If you have limited space, have the students play in rounds.

The players at the board are given certain things to write, e.g. the alphabet, numbers 1 to 25, ten colours, eight animals, etc.

When the announcer says, "Green light," the players start writing as quickly as they can.

When the announcer says, "Red Light," the players must freeze and stop writing.

Any player who is caught writing after the red light announcement is out of the game and must sit down.

The first player to complete the task on the board correctly wins and becomes the new announcer.

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