

### Activity Type

Writing activity, group work

### Language Focus

Categories of words

### Aim

To write less common category words beginning with a particular letter.

### Preparation

None

### Level

Any

### Time

25 minutes

### Introduction

In this entertaining game, students write down category words beginning with a certain letter. Students must try to think of uncommon words in order to score more points for their team.

### Procedure

Divide the class into four teams.

Write five to ten categories on the board.

Give each team a piece of paper and ask them to copy down the categories.

Next, choose two students and ask them to come to the front of the class.

Tell one student to start saying the letters of the alphabet and have the other student shout 'Stop!' on any letter they choose.

Once a letter has been chosen, tell the teams to write down one word for each category beginning with that letter.

The first team to write a word for every category shouts 'Stop!' and the other teams stop writing.

The teams then give their paper to another team for marking.

Each team in turn reads out the words on their paper.

The scoring is as follows:

Words that are not repeated by another team are worth 5 points.

Words repeated by two teams are worth 2 points.

Words repeated by three or more teams are worth 1 point.

Teams then add up their points and the scores are written on the board.

Play several rounds. The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.