**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.