

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity, group work

Language Focus

Revision questions

Aim

To answer revision questions.

Preparation

A list of revision questions and a teacher's game grid for each game you wish to play.

Level

Elementary and above

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This fun ESL TV game show is ideal for asking revision questions.

Procedure

Divide the class into four teams. Copy the following grid onto the board:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Top										
Middle										
Bottom										

Hidden throughout the 30 squares are ten arrows, ten 'Hot Spots' and ten questions. The aim of the game is for each team to get from one side of the board to the other without hitting more than three 'Hot Spots'. If you want to make the game easier or harder, just decrease or increase the number of 'Hot Spots'.

The first team to play chooses the top, middle or bottom square in column 1. The teacher checks their game grid to see what goes in that square.

If it's an arrow, the team gets a free move. The team then moves forward to column 2 and chooses another top, middle or bottom square.

If it's a question, the team elects one team member to answer. A different student must answer each time. The teacher asks the student a question. This could be a revision question or question based on a flashcard. If the student answers correctly, the team moves forward. If the student gets it wrong, the square changes to a 'Hot Spot'. This is counted as one of the three 'Hot Spots'.

If a team picks a square that's a 'Hot Spot', the team moves forward, but if the team gets three 'Hot Spots', they lose and are out of the game. If a team gets to the other side of the board without hitting more than three 'Hot Spots', they move on to the next round. The game continues until there is one ultimate champion. The winning team can then play a bonus round for a prize, e.g. sweets or cookies.

Example Teacher's grid:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Top	→	Q	Q	→	HS	HS	→	Q	HS	HS
Middle	Q	HS	HS	HS	→	Q	Q	HS	→	Q
Bottom	HS	→	→	Q	Q	→	HS	→	Q	→