Sumo

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game: identifying vocabulary (group work)

Focus

Vocabulary revision

Aim

To review recently taught vocabulary.

Preparation

Flashcards of the target vocabulary and some sticky tape

Level

Beginner (A1)

Time

15 minutes

Introduction

Here is a fun flashcard game to play with young learners.

Procedure

Divide the students into two teams (A and B).

Have all the students form one large circle.

Choose one student from each team to play first.

The two players stand facing each other in the centre of the circle and take on the role of sumo wrestlers.

Stick a flashcard to the back of each player.

Tell the two players to place their hands behind their back and perform a 'Sumo stomp'.

When you say 'go', the two players move around and try to see what flashcard is on their opponent's back.

The two students are not allowed to touch each other and must keep their hands behind their back at all times.

The students who form the circle must not help the players in any way.

Award a point to the other team if this happens.

The first player to call out what's on their opponent's flashcard scores a point for their team.

Two new players then enter the centre of the circle, and the game continues with new flashcards.

Continue the game until all the students have had a chance to play.

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

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