

Activity Type

Reading, writing and listening activity, group work

Language Focus

Descriptions

Adjectives of appearance and personality

Aim

To write descriptions of classmates and to try to guess who is being described from other students' descriptions.

Preparation

None

Level

Elementary and above

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this ESL describing game, students write descriptions of a classmate's appearance and personality.

Procedure

Divide the students into teams of five or six. Put students who look similar in the same team.

Give each team a piece of paper and a pen.

Tell the teams to secretly choose a student from their team to describe.

Explain that the teams should start by describing the student's physical appearance and then move on to write about the student's personality and character.

Depending on the level of your class, you can ask the students to write down adjectives or complete sentences.

When the teams have finished writing, ask them to read out their descriptions in turn.

When a team has finished reading out a description, have the other teams guess who is being described.

The answer is then revealed and any team that guessed correctly scores a point.

Play several rounds with teams describing a different teammate each time.

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