

Activity Type

Vocabulary and Speaking Game: describing, guessing, revision (group work)

Focus

Describing

Aim

To describe and guess recently studied words.

Preparation

Prepare ten small slips of paper for each student.

Level

Any

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This engaging describing game is ideal for reviewing vocabulary students have recently studied in class.

Procedure

Give each student ten small slips of paper.

Ask the students to secretly write down one word that they have recently learned in class on each slip.

If the students are having difficulty thinking of vocabulary, they can go through their course book to find suitable words.

When the students have finished, collect in the word slips and put them in a bag.

Next, divide the students into two teams (A and B).

One student from each team comes to the front of the class.

Have one of the students pick a slip from the bag.

The two students then read the word on the slip and race to describe it to their teammates.

The two students can describe the word however they like, e.g. using synonyms, actions, drawings, etc.

However, students are not allowed to say the word, the beginning letter of the word or write anything.

The first team to correctly guess the word scores a point.

Two new students then come to the front of the class and so on.

Continue the game until the students have reviewed enough vocabulary.

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