

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game:
forming words from
prompts (group work)

Focus

Vocabulary

Aim

To say a certain number
of words beginning with
a particular letter in ten
seconds.

Preparation

None

Level

Any

Time

15 minutes

Introduction

Here is an engaging ESL word game based on Tic-Tac-Toe.

Procedure

Draw a three-by-three grid on the board.

Write a random letter in each square.

Under each letter, write a number between one and ten.

The numbers you write will depend on your students' level of English.

Divide the students into two teams.

Teams take it in turns to choose a letter from the grid.

The team then has ten seconds to say as many words beginning with the letter as the number under the letter indicates.

If the team manages to say the required number of words, they win the square.

If they fail to say the required number of words, play passes to the other team.

When a team gets three squares in a row, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally, they win the game.

If neither team gets three in a row, the team with the most squares wins.

Play several rounds to find the ultimate winning team.