

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity

Language Focus

Introductions

a, an, some

Countable and uncountable nouns

Aim

To introduce yourself to the class and say an item that begins with the first letter of your name.

Preparation

None

Level

Young learners

Time

15 minutes

Introduction

Here is an entertaining way to get students to introduce themselves to the class. This introduction game works best with young learners.

Procedure

Begin the game by saying, "I'm the captain of a spaceship. I'm going on a trip to the moon. Who wants to go with me and what are you going to bring?"

Then, write the following sentence on the board for the students to say:

Hi, my name is... and I'm going to bring a/an/some...

The students who are allowed to go are the ones who bring something that begins with the first letter of their name. However, don't explain this to the students. It's up to them to work it out!

The first student then stands up and says, "Hi, my name is... and I'm going to bring a/an/some..."

If the item doesn't match with the first letter of their name, say, "I'm sorry, you can't go."

Then, move on to the next student.

If a student manages to work it out or accidentally says an item matching with the first letter of their name, you accept them on board and write up their name.

Eventually, most of the students will understand the game when they see that some students are allowed to go.

You can also have the students give more information about themselves (e.g. their age, hobbies, etc) by adding to the text on the board.