

Activity Type

Speaking activity, group work

Language Focus

Verb forms

Aim

To make sentences or questions with specific verbs

Preparation

None

Level

Elementary and above

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this strategic 'Connect 4' style verb game, students practice making sentences and questions using various verb forms.

Procedure

Divide the students into two teams.

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

Write different verbs and verb forms in the squares. Add a question mark to some of the base form verbs.

Have the teams play a quick game of rock-paper-scissors to see which team is going to play first and who will be O or X.

Have one student from the first team come up to the board and choose a verb from the grid.

Working alone, the student then tries to use the verb correctly in a sentence. The sentence must be in the same tense as the verb in the square.

If a student chooses a verb that has a question mark next to it, the student makes a question using the verb.

If the student makes an appropriate sentence or question, the team wins the square and an O or X is placed accordingly.

Then, it's the other teams turn to play.

The first team to get four squares in a row wins the game.

If neither team manages to do this, the team with the most squares wins.