

Activity Type

Writing activity, group work

Language Focus

Verb conjugations

Aim

To practice verb conjugations.

Preparation

None

Level

Elementary and above

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

Here is a fun grammar game for practicing or reviewing verb conjugations.

Procedure

Divide the students into equal teams of seven. Equal teams of five or six are also possible.

Have each team sit in a line facing the board.

Assign every student in each team with a subject pronoun. For example, the first student in each line is 'I'. The second student is 'you', etc.

Give the first student in each line a piece of paper.

Pick a present tense and a verb, e.g. present simple and 'run'.

The first student conjugates the verb using their subject pronoun and writes it on the paper, e.g. I run. The student then passes the paper to the student behind them.

The second student writes their verb conjugation (e.g. You run) and passes the paper to the person behind them and so on down the line.

When the student at the end of the line has written on the paper, the student runs to the board to write all the answers up for everyone to see.

The first team to correctly write all the verb conjugations on the board in the right order scores a point, e.g. I run, You run, He runs, She runs, They run, etc.

The student at the back of each line then moves to the front and everyone else moves back one place, changing to a different subject pronoun as they go.

The game is then repeated with a different tense and verb, and so on.

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