## ESL QUESTION AND ANSWER GAMES

### Verbal Football

**Activity Type**
Listening and speaking activity

**Language Focus**
Question and answer structures

**Aim**
To answer questions correctly

**Preparation**
A list of questions

**Level**
Any

**Time**
15 minutes

### Introduction
Here is an imaginative ESL question and answer game to play in class.

### Procedure
Draw a football pitch and players on the board. Have some kind of football sticker that you can move around the pitch.

Divide the students into two teams and ask them to give their football team a name.

Set a time limit of five minutes for the first half of the game.

The game starts in the centre of the football pitch.

To score, the teams pass the ball forwards through the players before beating the goalkeeper.

To do this, the teams have to beat each other in correctly answering questions set by the teacher.

When a team answers a question correctly, the ball moves from one player to the next in the direction that the team is playing.

If the other team answers correctly, the ball goes in the other direction.

Both teams can answer any question, so if a team keeps answering correctly, they have a high chance of scoring a goal.

When the time limit has been reached, play the second half for another 5 minutes.

The team who scores the most goals wins the game.

The number of players you draw on the pitch is up to you, the more players the harder it is to score a goal.

**Example:**

![Diagram of a football pitch with players and a ball]