

Activity Type

Listening and matching activity

Language Focus

Vocabulary

Aim

To listen for words in a song

Preparation

A popular song and 15 words from the song written down on pieces of paper.

Level

Elementary and above

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

Here is a lively ESL music game to play with your students.

Procedure

Prepare a popular song that your students would like.

Choose 15 words from the song.

Write the words down on separate pieces of paper and stick them to the board in a random order.

You can also make the game more difficult by putting decoy words that sound similar up on the board.

Next, divide the class into two teams.

Have each team stand in a line in front of the board.

Play the song. When the students at the front hear a word from the song that is on the board, they race each other to grab the word.

The first student to grab a correct word wins and keeps the word.

The students at the front then go to the back of the line and it's the next two students turn to play.

Repeat the song as necessary until all the words have been grabbed.

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