

Activity Type

Listening Game:
matching, identifying
(group work)

Focus

Vocabulary

Aim

To listen for words in a
song.

Preparation

A popular song and 10 to
18 words from the song
written down on pieces of
paper.

Level

Any

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 10 to 18 words from the song that you want to practice.

Write the words down on 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 on the board.

Next, divide the class into two teams.

Each team stands in a line in front of the board.

Play the song.

When a word comes up in the song, stop the music straight after.

The two students at the front of each line then race to grab the word from the board. Each student gets one chance.

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

The students at the front then go to the back of the line.

It's then 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.