

Activity Type

Writing and spelling activity

Language Focus

Vocabulary revision

Aim

To write category words beginning with a certain letter

Preparation

Music and a ball

Level

Elementary

Time

15 minutes

Introduction

This is a simple ESL music game to help students practice or review categories of words.

Procedure

Have the students stand in a circle.

Give the students a category, e.g. animals.

Play some music and have the students pass the ball to each other.

When the music stops, whoever is holding the ball has to write a word from the category on the board.

Then, start the music again.

The next student holding the ball when the music stops has to use the last letter of the word on the board to make another word belonging to that category, e.g. 'If a student wrote 'elephant', the next student would use the 't' as the first letter of the new word.'

If a student is unable to make a word, they are out of the game.

The last student left in the game wins.

Play several rounds, changing the category each time.