

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, pairwork

Language Focus

Reading comprehension questions

Aim

To answer reading comprehension questions.

Preparation

Make one copy of the text for each pair of students and one set of cut up and numbered reading comprehension questions about the text.

Level

Any

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

This fun ESL dictation is ideal for reading comprehension practice.

Procedure

Stick numbered questions about your target text in different places outside the classroom.

Divide the students into pairs.

One student is the 'reader' and the other is the 'writer'.

Give each pair a copy of the text.

The reader runs to question number one, remembers it, goes back and tells the writer.

The writer listens and writes the question down.

The pair then reads the text together to find the answer to the question.

Once a pair has the answer, they write it down next to the question and show it to you.

If the question and answer are correct, the pair moves onto question two.

If not, the pair goes back to find their mistake.

This process is repeated until all the questions have been answered correctly.

The first pair of students to finish wins.