

### Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, pairwork

### Language Focus

Grammar and spelling

### Aim

To listen and complete a text that is very hard to hear.

### Preparation

Create a text and split it into two parts. You can split the text in half or by alternating sentences. Make one copy of both texts for each pair of students.

### Level

Any

### Time

20 minutes

### Introduction

In this amusing ESL dictation, students dictate a text to a partner by whispering.

### Procedure

Divide the students into pairs (A and B).

Put the chairs into two rows with the seats facing each other. Make the space between the two rows quite large. The pairs sit opposite each other.

Example:

A <-----> B

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Give a different part of the text to each row.

Student A starts by whispering the first part of their text to their partner.

Student B listens and writes what they think their partner is saying.

Student A can mouth the words or spell the words in the air for clarity.

When Student A has finished, Student B starts whispering their text and so on.

This continues until the text is complete.

When the students have finished, have them go through their text with their partner to check for misunderstood words and spelling mistakes.