

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Game: forming sentences from prompts, freer practice (group work)

Focus

Adverbial clauses

Aim

To play a game where you make sentences containing adverb clauses with specific subordinating conjunctions and verbs.

Preparation

Make one set of subordinating conjunction cards and verb cards for each group of three or four and cut as indicated, keeping the two sets of cards separate.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this adverbial clauses game, students make sentences containing adverb clauses with specific subordinating conjunctions and verbs.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a set of subordinating conjunction cards and a set of verb cards.

Ask the students shuffle each set of cards separately and spread them out face-down on the table in two sets.

Students take turns turning over a subordinating conjunction card and a verb card.

The student then makes a sentence containing an adverbial clause using the conjunction and verb.

For example, if the subordinating conjunction was 'after' and the verb was 'eat', the student might say 'After Tom ate lunch, he went to the gym'.

Students can make any sentence they like as long as it is grammatically correct and has an adverbial clause in it that uses the subordinating conjunction and verb.

If the other students in the group agree that the sentence is correct, the student keeps the two cards.

If not, the cards are turned back over, keeping them in the same place.

Students continue taking turns to turn over two cards and make a sentence until all the cards have been used.

Students should try to remember where cards are positioned to help them make sentences as they go through the game.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

As a variation, you can give the students more practice by having them score a point when they make a sentence. Then, for an extra point, the student says the type of adverb clause used in the sentence, e.g. adverbial clause of time. In this case, the student with the most points at the end of the games wins.

Subordinating conjunction cards



AFTER	WHEN	ALTHOUGH	BEFORE
AS	EVEN THOUGH	SINCE	AS IF
IF	WHEREVER	AS SOON AS	LIKE
ONCE	UNLESS	WHILE	UNTIL
AS ... AS	BECAUSE	THAN	WHENEVER
AFTER	SO	ALTHOUGH	DESPITE
EVEN IF	EVEN THOUGH	SINCE	AS
IF	WHEREVER	BEFORE	LIKE
SO	UNLESS	WHILE	UNTIL
AS ... AS	WHEN	THAN	WHENEVER

Verb cards



EAT	DRIVE	WORK	LOOK
USE	WEAR	BRING	MAKE
HAVE	RUN	WATCH	GO
STUDY	PRETEND	PAY	WASH
LISTEN	PLAY	READ	SLEEP
GIVE	SPEAK	TRY	VISIT
BUY	DO	DRINK	BRUSH
OPEN	SMILE	SWIM	SMOKE
TRAVEL	WAKE UP	BREAK	ENJOY
FALL	FINISH	COOK	GET