

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity, group work

Focus

Words connected with houses and buildings

Describing places

Aim

To describe and guess words connected with houses and buildings.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each group of four and cut as indicated.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this describing places game, students describe and guess words connected with houses and buildings.

Procedure

Demonstrate the activity by writing the following on the board:

Doorbell

sound
noise
button

Explain that the aim of the game is to describe the top word (doorbell) without mentioning any of the words shown or variations of the words, e.g. door, bell, sounds, etc. In order to do this, students have to be creative with their language and vocabulary.

Elicit ways to explain the word 'doorbell' and write the students' ideas on the board, e.g. 'It is a thing visitors use when they arrive at a house. It is something people ring. It chimes.'

Tell the students that they are going to describe words connected with houses and buildings in the same way.

Divide the class into groups of four.

Give each group a set of cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile on the desk.

Students take it in turns to pick up a card from the pile, without showing it to anyone.

The student with the card describes the word in bold to the other students.

The student is not allowed to say any of the words shown on the card or variations of the words.

The first student to guess the word being described wins the card.

Students continue playing until all the cards have been used.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game is the winner.

Garden

- flowers
- outside
- trees

Flat

- apartment
- condominium
- one floor

Dining room

- eat
- table
- meal

Balcony

- outside
- upper-floor
- view

Stairs

- steps
- up
- hallway

Garage

- car
- park
- next to

Attic

- loft
- roof
- top

Detached

- single
- separate
- house

Basement

- below
- floor
- under

View

- look
- outside
- see

Bungalow

- one floor
- level
- small

Bathroom

- toilet
- shower
- wash

Kitchen

- cook
- food
- prepare

Neighbourhood

- area
- district
- location

Terrace

- patio
- outside
- sit

Roof

- cover
- top
- building