Chain Reaction

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Game: sentence completion, freer practice (group work)

Focus

Conjunctions: and, but, or

Aim

To practice using the coordinating conjunctions 'and', 'but' and 'or' by completing everyday sentence starters in a card game.

Preparation

Make one set of cards for each group of four and cut as indicated. Keep the 'and', 'but' and 'or' cards separate.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this conjunctions game, students build short everyday sentence chains using 'and', 'but' and 'or'.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of four.

Give each group a set of 'and', 'but' and 'or' cards.

Ask the students to shuffle each set of cards separately and place them face down in a pile on the table in three sets.

The first student chooses one pile, picks up the top card, reads the sentence starter aloud and completes it by saying a natural ending.

The next student chooses a card from a different pile and adds a new sentence to the same situation.

Students must choose a different pile from the student before them, unless only one pile has cards left.

Example:

Card: I get up at seven o'clock and...

A picks an 'and' card:

I get up at seven o'clock and have breakfast.

B picks an 'or' card:

For breakfast, I have cereal or toast.

C picks a 'but' card:

I like school, but I do not like tests.

D picks an 'and' card:

I meet my friends after class and we play football.

If a student cannot complete a sentence, that student keeps the card. The next student then picks up a new card and a new chain begins.

If the sentence is correct, the student puts the card in a discard pile, and the next student continues the chain.

The game ends when there are no cards left in the piles.

The student with the fewest cards wins.

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I get up at seven o'clock **and**...	I have breakfast at home **and**...
I walk to school **and**...	I meet my friends after class **and**...
I listen to music after school **and**...	I go to bed at ten **and**...
I like school **but**...	I want to play football **but**...
I am hungry after school **but**...	I watch TV in the evening **but**...
I am tired **but**...	I want to go outside **but**...
After dinner, I play a game **or**...	At lunchtime, I have a sandwich **or**...
For breakfast, I have cereal **or**...	After school, I do my homework **or**...
At the weekend, I go to the park **or**...	In the evening, I read a book **or**...

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