

Activity Type

Reading and writing activity

Language Focus

Phrasal verbs

Idioms

Aim

To write answers to questions containing phrasal verbs and idioms that match with another student's answers.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate

Time

40 minutes

Introduction

Here is an enjoyable game to help students practice the meaning of various phrasal verbs and idioms.

Procedure

Divide the class into two teams.

Have each team nominate someone from their group to be the first player.

The two players come to the front of the class and sit facing their teams.

Give a worksheet to each student, including the two players at the front of the class.

Ask everyone to read and answer the first question on their worksheet. Tell the students not to talk to each other or show anyone what they have written.

When everyone has finished writing, read out the first question, i.e. 'something that might take time to get over'.

The two players at the front then read out or show their answers followed by the team members.

Teams score one point for each answer that matches their player's answer.

The players then swap with someone from their team.

This process is repeated until the worksheet is complete.

The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.

For small classes, students can play individually. Each student scores a point for every answer that matches the student at the front's answer. The student with the most points at the end of the game wins.

Write down...

- 1) ...something that might take time to get over.
- 2) ...something you have to do when you look after a baby.
- 3) ...something that you put on when you get up in the morning.
- 4) ...something that's as easy as falling off a log.
- 5) ...something you do once in a blue moon.
- 6) ...a type of food you should keep off if you're on a diet.
- 7) ...something that drives you up the wall.
- 8) ...a situation in which you shout, "Look out!"
- 9) ...something that you turn off before you leave the house.
- 10) ...something that you put up when it's raining.
- 11) ...a situation in which you get butterflies in your stomach.
- 12) ...a good way to break the ice.
- 13) ...an occasion that you dress up for.
- 14) ...something that's not your cup of tea.
- 15) ...the name of a famous person you look up to.
- 16) ...a reason to call off a wedding.
- 17) ...a classmate who spends money like it's going out of fashion.
- 18) ...an item of clothing that you do up.