

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity, group work

Focus

Family vocabulary

Possessives

Aim

To learn and practice a wide variety of family-related vocabulary.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards and cut as indicated.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

This set of fun family vocabulary games helps students learn and practice a wide variety of family-related vocabulary. This versatile activity can be used as a describing game, spelling relay, or board race game.

Procedure

Describing game

Divide the class into two teams. One student from each team comes to the front of the class. Explain that the two students are going to race to describe the name of a family member to their teammates and that the first team to guess the word scores a point.

Pick a card and show the word on the card to both students. The two students then race to describe the family member on the card to their respective teams, e.g. 'Your mother's brother is your...'

The first team to correctly guess the family member (e.g. uncle) wins and scores a point. Then, two new students come to the front of the class and so on. The game continues until all the cards have been used. The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.

Spelling relay

Have the two teams line up in front of the board. Show a card to the student at the back of each line.

These students write the family-related word with their fingers on the back of the person in front of them. The word is written on the back of the next student and so on down the line until it reaches the student at the front. That student writes the word on the board.

The first team to write the correct word on the board scores a point. The students at the front of the lines then go to the back and the game continues.

Board race game

For this board race game, you may want to enlarge the cards to A3. Stick all the cards on the board. Have the two teams line up at the back of the classroom. Make sure students have a clear runway to the board.

Describe one of the family members from the board. The student at the front of each line races to the board to grab the card that matches with the description. The first student to pick the right card scores a point for their team. The game continues until all the cards have been taken from the board.



uncle	granddaughter	stepbrother	niece
stepson	grandchild	father	stepmother
daughter-in-law	great-grandson	mother	stepdaughter
great-granddaughter	stepfather	son-in-law	grandfather
sister	grandparents	brother-in-law	daughter
grandmother	aunt	brother	father-in-law
wife	mother-in-law	great-grandfather	stepsister
husband	son	great-grandmother	cousin
nephew	sister-in-law	sibling	fiancé
parent	spouse	fiancée	grandson