

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Game: unscrambling, asking and answering questions from prompts (group work)

Focus

Noun clauses

Aim

To practice forming and using noun clauses to give noncommittal responses.

Preparation

Make one copy of the game board for each group of three or four. You will also need a dice and counters for each group.

Level

Upper-intermediate (B2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

Here is a noun clauses board game to help students practice forming and using noun clauses to give noncommittal responses. In the game, students ask questions and score points by forming and using noun clauses to give noncommittal responses.

Procedure

Divide the class into groups of three or four.

Give each group a copy of the game board, a dice and counters.

Each student will also need a pen and paper for writing.

Students take it in turns to roll the dice and move their counter along the board.

When a student lands on a square that contains a scrambled question, they unscramble the question and ask it to the group members, e.g. 'Who is that?'

The other group members then race to form a noncommittal response to the question using one of the sentence frames in the bank and a noun clause.

The first student to write an appropriate and grammatically correct response on their paper and say the reply wins, e.g. 'I don't know who that is'.

If it is the first time the winner has used that particular sentence frame, they score two points.

If the winner has used that sentence frame previously, they score one point.

Students are not allowed to repeat the same reply if a question is asked twice.

The first student to reach the 'finish' square scores an extra three points.

When a student reaches the finish, the game ends and everyone counts up their points. The student with the highest score wins.

(answer key and example responses on the next page)

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Procedure continued

Answer key and example responses

1. Who is that?
I don't know **who** that is.
2. When will you arrive?
I'm not sure **when** I'll arrive.
3. Is this the correct answer?
I can't remember **if** that's the correct answer.
4. How should I spend my day off?
You should spend your day off **however** you like.
5. Why did the chicken cross the road?
I'm not sure **why** the chicken crossed the road.
6. Who should get this assignment?
Give the assignment to **whoever** you think is best.
7. Who should I invite to the party?
Invite **whoever** you like.
8. Where is the car parked?
I can't remember **where** the car is parked.
9. Is it going to rain tomorrow?
I don't know **if** it's going to rain tomorrow.
10. He isn't in love with her, is he?
I don't think **that** he's in love with her.
11. Would you like to stay up until 6 a.m. watching movies?
I'm not sure **whether** I would.
12. Should we order a pizza or go to a restaurant?
We can do **whichever** you like.
13. When does the meeting start?
I can't remember **when** the meeting is.
14. Would you like to try this bacon and jam sandwich?
I don't know **whether** I would.
15. Who did you say sent the message?
I can't remember **who** I said sent the message.
16. Why are you carrying that tuba?
I'm not sure **why** I'm carrying this tuba.
17. You didn't lose your phone again, did you?
I don't think **that** I did.
18. Where should we meet?
We can meet **wherever** is easiest.
19. Would you like tea, coffee or water?
I'd like **whichever** is easiest.
20. How do you get to the station from here?
I don't know **how** you get to the station from here.

you arrive will when?	correct answer this the is?	Take the shortcut	my day off should how spend I?	chicken the road did why the cross?
that who is?				get who should assignment this?
Start	tomorrow to rain going it is?	parked car is the where?	to the party I should who invite?	
	in love her with he isn't, is he?			
	6 a.m. you would like until movies watching to stay up?	we order should to a restaurant go a pizza or?	Oh no! Go back	
Finish	Sentence Frame Bank			meeting start does the when?
get you how do the station to here from?	... -ever you like.			Go forward one space
you like would or tea, coffee water?	I'm not sure ... I don't think -ever you think is best.			
we meet should where?	I don't know ... I can't remember -ever is easiest.			jam this sandwich and bacon like you would to try?
Go back two spaces	your phone again lose didn't you, did you?	that tuba why carrying are you?	Go back one space	sent did you say the message who?