

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Game: gap-fill, asking and answering questions from prompts (group work)

Focus

Past and present passive

Aim

To practice forming, asking, and answering past and present passive questions.

Preparation

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

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this passive voice game, students practice forming, asking, and answering 'Name three' questions in the past and present passive.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three.

Give each group a set of cards.

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

Students take turns picking up a card and making a 'Name three' question by completing the gap with the past or present passive form of the verb in brackets, including present perfect passive where relevant. The reader does not answer.

The student then reads out the question to the group members, who race to answer by naming three things belonging to the category.

The first student to do this successfully keeps the card.

Answers must be different and acceptable to the group. If there is disagreement, the group votes.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

Finally, go through the questions and possible answers with the class.

Answer key

1. were made / have been made
2. are used
3. were invented
4. are installed / have been installed
5. are played
6. are done
7. are found
8. are produced
9. are spoken
10. are watched
11. were built
12. are eaten
13. were born
14. are made
15. were shown



1. Name three books that
.....
(make) into films.

2. Name three things that
.....
(use) by artists.

3. Name three things that
.....
(invent) in the 20th century.

4. Name three programs
that
(install) on your computer.

5. Name three sports that
.....
(play) in teams.

6. Name three things that
..... (do)
in pairs.

7. Name three animals that
.....
(find) in Africa.

8. Name three things that
.....
(produce) in your country.

9. Name three languages
that
(speak) in Europe.

10. Name three popular TV
shows that
.....
(watch) in your country.

11. Name three famous
buildings that
..... (build)
more than 1000 years ago.

12. Name three national
dishes that
.....
(eat) in your country.

13. Name three singers who
.....
(born) in the UK.

14. Name three things
that
(make) of leather.

15. Name three films that
..... (show)
in cinemas last year.