

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Game: reading and responding to statements, forming sentences, controlled practice

Focus

Reported speech

Showing interest and surprise

Aim

To practice reported speech by remembering what people said.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for every 14 students and cut as indicated.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

35 minutes

Introduction

In this reported speech game, students have to try to remember what their classmates said.

Procedure

Begin by eliciting expressions to show interest and surprise. Write the students' ideas on the board.

Examples:

Showing interest (rising intonation)

Oh? Oh yeah? Really? Oh really? Is that right?

Showing surprise (falling intonation)

No way! Wow! Amazing! Unbelievable!

Drill the pronunciation and intonation with the class.

Tell the students that they are going to tell each other something interesting or surprising and that they have to try to remember what each person said.

Give each student a card.

Ask the students to memorize the sentence on the card.

When the students remember their sentences, they stand up and walk around the class, saying their sentences to each other.

Students use an expression for showing interest or surprise each time they hear a sentence.

Students are allowed to repeat their sentence only once to each classmate.

When the students have all spoken to each other, they write down what their classmates told them using reported speech.

Examples:

Claire said (that) she was going to get married next month.
Tom told me (that) he had a pet pig.

Afterwards, check the correct answers with the class.

The student with the most correct sentences is the winner.



I'm going to get married next month.

I have a pet pig.

I've met the American President.

I don't have an email address.

I've been to the Germany six times.

I can speak French, Japanese and Spanish.

I have nine brothers and six sisters.

I'm going on holiday to Malaysia.

I go to work by boat.

My mother is a TV news reporter.

I only eat one meal a day.

I've never seen the ocean.

I flew to New York and back yesterday.

I'm scared of cats.