

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, group and pair work

Language Focus

Adjectives and their opposites

Aim

To practice adjectives and their opposites.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student

Level

Elementary

Time

50 minutes

Introduction

This enjoyable worksheet activity helps to increase students' knowledge of adjectives and their opposites.

Procedure

Start the activity by reading out each adjective on the worksheet and eliciting examples of the adjective's meaning and possible synonyms.

Next, divide the class into teams of four.

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Tell the teams that you are going to read an adjective at random from the worksheet and the first team to call out the opposite of the adjective scores a point.

The winning team can then score an extra point by making an appropriate sentence with the adjective opposite.

Afterwards, all the students in the class write down the adjective opposite on their worksheet.

This continues until the worksheet is complete.

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

Working alone, the students then write ten sentences, using two adjectives from the worksheet in each sentence, e.g. 'The pretty girl drove a black sports car'.

When the students have finished writing, divide them into pairs and have the students exchange sentences.

The students read their partner's sentences, changing the adjectives in the sentences to their opposites, e.g. 'The ugly girl drove a white sports car'.

Finally, ask the pairs to create a short story using ten adjectives from the worksheet. Have the pairs read their stories to the class and give feedback.

"Answer key on the next page"

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Answer key

rich - poor

high - low

cloudy - sunny/clear

male - female

modern - traditional

fat - thin

interesting - boring

early - late

full - empty

cold - hot

clean - dirty

wet - dry

good - bad

front - back

pretty - plain/ugly

married - single

black - white

sweet - sour/bitter

beautiful - ugly

left - right

light - heavy

quiet - noisy

soft - hard

long - short

north - south

lazy - hardworking

first - last

nice - nasty

intelligent - stupid

sick - healthy

curly - straight

off - on

wide - narrow

far - near

happy - sad/unhappy

easy - difficult

fast - slow

east - west

round - square

big - little/small

alive - dead

cheap - expensive

old - new/young

polite - rude/impolite

safe - dangerous

true - false

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