

Activity Type

Speaking activity, group work

Language Focus

'Wh' questions

Question words

Aim

To play a game of bingo by making questions from question words on a bingo card.

Preparation

Make one copy of the bingo cards and topic cards for each group of four and cut as indicated.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this compelling question words game, students play bingo by racing to make questions from question words.

Procedure

Divide the class into groups of four.

Give each student a bingo card. Tell the students to use a pencil when writing on their card. Also, give each group a set of topic cards.

Tell the students to shuffle the topic cards and place them face down in a pile on the desk.

Explain that the students are going to play a game of bingo by racing to make questions from the question words on their card.

Demonstrate the game by taking a topic card and asking the students to think of questions relating to the topic using the question words on their bingo card.

Example: hobbies and free time

What is your favourite hobby?

How do you like to spend your free time?

Where do you spend your free time?

Who do you spend your free time with?

Repeat with a new topic card, but this time tell the students that the first student to ask a question wins and can cross off the question word from their card.

Students then play the game in their groups.

Students take it in turns to pick up a topic card and read the topic to the group.

The other group members then race to make a question relating to the topic using one of the question words on their bingo card.

The first student to ask a suitable question to the student holding the card wins.

The student holding the card then answers the question and the other student crosses off the question word from their bingo card.

The next student then picks up a topic card and the process is repeated.

The first student to cross off all the question words on their bingo card wins the game and shouts 'bingo'.

Several rounds can be played with students erasing the crosses from their bingo cards before a new game begins.

Bingo cards

What...?	When...?	Where...?	Why...?
Who...?	Which...?	How...?	How much?
How long...?	How often...?	How many...?	What kind...?



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Topic cardshobbies and
free time

food and drink

health and
fitness

family

sports

music

films

holidays and
travel

languages

work

education

shopping

home

relationships

pets

clothes and
fashion

the Internet

the weekend

phones and
apps

technology

television

books

transportation

restaurants
and dining