

Activity Type

Grammar Game: writing and reading sentences, guessing, matching (pair work)

Focus

Past perfect

Aim

To write explanations using the past perfect.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this past perfect game, students write explanations for *Why did you say...?* questions and then try to match a partner's explanations to questions.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

First, students write an explanation in the past perfect tense for each *Why did you say...?* question on their worksheet.

Example:

A: Why did you say 'I'm sorry' to your friend?

B: I had forgotten her birthday.

Next, divide the students into pairs.

Tell the students not to show their worksheet to their partner.

Students then take turns reading one of their explanations at random to their partner, who has one chance to match the explanation to the right *Why did you say...?* question.

If a student makes a correct match, they score one point.

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

A. Write an explanation in the past perfect tense for each question.

Example: Why did you say 'I'm sorry' to your friend?

..... *I had forgotten her birthday.*

1. Why did you say 'I hope so' to your teacher?

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2. Why did you say 'I can't' to your classmate?

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3. Why did you say 'Thank you' to your mother?

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4. Why did you say 'Be careful' to an old man?

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5. Why did you say 'That's terrible' to your friend?

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6. Why did you say 'That's very nice of you' to your neighbour?

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7. Why did you say 'Don't be angry' to your father?

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8. Why did you say 'No, thank you' to your friend?

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9. Why did you say 'Don't do that again' to your dog?

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10. Why did you say 'I promise' to your teacher?

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11. Why did you say 'I'm really grateful' to your classmate?

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12. Why did you say 'Is that enough?' to your best friend?

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B. Now, in pairs, take turns reading one of your explanations at random to your partner, who has one chance to match the explanation to the right *Why did you say...?* question. Award yourself one point for each correct match you make.