

Activity Type

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

Language Focus

Defining relative clauses

Aim

To invent false definitions for words using defining relative clauses.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level

Intermediate

Time

35 minutes

Introduction

In this engaging worksheet activity, students invent false definitions for words using defining relative clauses and then play a game where they guess which definition for a word is correct.

Procedure

Divide the class into two groups (A and B).

Give each student a corresponding A or B worksheet.

Explain that the worksheet shows correct definitions for words and that the students' task is to invent two false definitions for each word by completing the defining relative clauses.

Working with the people in their group, students write their false definitions.

When the students have finished, they pair up with someone from the other group (Student A and B).

Have the pairs sit facing each other and tell the students to keep their worksheets secret.

Explain that the students are now going to play a game where they guess which definition for a word is correct.

Students take it in turns to read out three possible definitions for a word on their worksheet, without saying which definition is correct.

Their partner then guesses the correct definition.

For each correct guess, students win a point.

The student with the most points at the end of the game is the winner.

Student A

1. Overalls are...
 - a. things
 - b. things
 - c. things that people wear to protect their clothes when they are working.
2. A corkscrew is...
 - a. something that people use to open bottles of wine with.
 - b. something
 - c. something
3. A fugitive is...
 - a. someone
 - b. someone who runs away and hides to avoid arrest.
 - c. someone
4. A basin is...
 - a. something
 - b. something that holds water.
 - c. something
5. A taxidermist is...
 - a. someone who stuffs dead animals for display.
 - b. someone
 - c. someone
6. A veranda is...
 - a. a place
 - b. a place where you can relax outside.
 - c. a place
7. A bigot is...
 - a. someone
 - b. someone
 - c. someone who hates or refuses to accept the members of a particular group.

Student B

1. Flip-flops are...
 - a. things
 - b. things that people wear on their feet when they go to the beach.
 - c. things
2. A wrinkle is...
 - a. something
 - b. something that you get on your face when you are old.
 - c. something
3. A hypochondriac is...
 - a. someone
 - b. someone
 - c. someone who thinks they are always sick.
4. A labyrinth is...
 - a. a place where you can easily get lost.
 - b. a place
 - c. a place
5. A harbinger is...
 - a. someone
 - b. someone
 - c. someone who is sent ahead to provide accommodation.
6. A tenement is...
 - a. a place
 - b. a place where people used to live that was run-down and overcrowded.
 - c. a place
7. A cushion is...
 - a. something that gives you comfort and support.
 - b. something
 - c. something