

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity, group work

Focus

Grammar and vocabulary

Aim

To listen and repeat sentences.

Preparation

Prepare a short written conversation for each team. Try to make each conversation of equal length. Five to eight sentences are ideal.

Level

Any

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

This listening game can be used to practice a variety of language points or vocabulary.

Procedure

Divide the students into equal teams and have each team sit in a row facing the board.

Give the student sat at the back of each row a written conversation.

The students at the back whisper the first sentence of their conversation to the student in front of them.

That student whispers the sentence to the next student and so on down the line.

When the sentence reaches the person at the front, that student stands up and writes the sentence on the board.

If the sentence is incorrect, it is whispered down the line again.

It's up to the students at the back when to whisper the next sentence. They can say each sentence quickly or wait until the sentence has been written on the board.

The game continues until one team has written all the sentences of their conversation on the board correctly. That team wins the game.

For young learners, use individual words rather than sentences.