

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Game: asking and answering questions, guessing

Focus

Yes/no questions and short answers

Verbs

Aim

To practice yes/no questions and short answers in various tenses.

Preparation

None

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2-B1)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

Here is an amusing game to help students practice a variety of yes/no questions, short answers and tenses.

Procedure

Invite one student to the front of the class.

Give the student a slip of paper.

Ask the student to secretly think of a verb and write it on the paper, e.g. sleep.

The other students' task is to guess the verb by taking it in turns to ask the student a yes/no question using the invented verb 'glug'.

Example: sleep

B: Have you ever glugged? A: Yes, I have.

C: Do you glug every day? A: Yes, I do.

D: Can you glug in class? A: No, you can't.

E: Are you glugging now? A: No, I'm not.

F: Is it difficult to glug? A: No, it isn't.

When a student thinks they know the verb, they call out their answer.

The first student to guess the correct verb wins and scores a point.

The winning student then becomes the next student to choose a verb.

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