

Activity Type

Speaking activity, group work

Focus

Answering quiz questions

Aim

To answer general knowledge questions or to review question and answer forms.

Preparation

A list of questions.

On a piece of paper, draw a grid with numbers at the top and letters down the side. In each square, draw a big gun, a small gun, a bomb or an angel.

Level

Any

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

This entertaining ESL quiz game can be played as a general knowledge quiz, or you can use it to review question and answer forms the students have been learning in class.



Procedure

Divide the students into four teams. Assign each team with a number 1 to 4.

On the board, draw an empty grid with numbers at the top and letters down the side. Also, draw a scoreboard for the four teams. Draw five stickmen next to each team's number. Each stickman represents a life.

On the board, draw a big gun, a small gun, a bomb and an angel and explain what each one represents.

 = Take two lives  = Lose a life

 = Take one life  = Win a life

Explain that behind each square on the grid is a big gun, a small gun, a bomb or an angel.

Take it in turns to ask each team a question. If a team answers correctly, they choose a square from the grid.

When they have chosen a square, look at your prepared grid and draw a big gun, small gun, bomb or angel accordingly.

The team can then take a life or two from another team or lose/win a life (a stickman).

If a team answers incorrectly, move on to the next team.

The last team left standing wins the game.

Example:

Teacher: What's the capital city of Thailand?

Team 1: The capital city of Thailand is Bangkok.

Teacher: Well done. Choose a square.

Team 1: B5.

Teacher: (Looks at their grid, sees a big gun, and draws it in the B5 square) It's a big gun. Now, take two lives from another team.

Team 1: We choose Team 3.

Teacher: (Deletes two stickmen from Team 3) Ok, Team 2. It's your turn. What is a baby cow called?