

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity

Focus

Listening comprehension

Aim

To listen to an audio recording and race to answer comprehension questions about it.

Preparation

Prepare an audio recording, script and listening comprehension questions about the recording.

The audio can come from a course book you use in class. You can use one long recording or several short ones.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2-B1)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this fun listening game, students listen to an audio recording and race to answer comprehension questions about it.

Procedure

Put chairs in a circle with one less chair than there are students in the class.

Ask the students a listening comprehension question based on the audio recording you have prepared.

Then, play the audio.

The students walk around the circle of chairs listening to the recording.

When a student hears the answer to the question, they sit down. There may be one or several students who sit down.

At this point, pause the audio.

If it is just one student who sits down, ask them for the answer to the question. If it is a few students who sit down, ask them to whisper the answer to you individually.

If a student's answer is correct, they remain seated. If not, they stand up.

Next, ask another question that can be answered in the next part of the recording and restart the audio.

The standing students then start walking around the chairs again until they hear the answer to your next question and so on.

The last student left standing is out of the game.

Then, everyone stands up, a chair is removed from the circle and the game continues until there are only two students competing for one chair to become the ultimate winner.