

Activity Type

Listening activity

Focus

Vocabulary

Aim

To listen for words that don't belong.

Preparation

None

Level

Young learners

Time

10 minutes

Introduction

Here is an engaging listening game to help students practice a variety of vocabulary.

Procedure

Ask the students to stand in a circle.

Explain that you are going to say lexical sets of words and that if the students hear a word that does not belong to that set, they must stop what they are doing.

Ask the students to do an action, e.g. hop like a frog, dance like a monkey, jump like a kangaroo, etc.

As the students are doing the action, they listen to you call out sets of words, e.g. run, speak, hear, read, look, banana.

When the students hear a word that doesn't belong to the set, they stop doing the action.

The last person to stop is out of the game.

If a student stops on the wrong word, they are also out of the game.

Repeat with different lexical sets, e.g. animals, nouns, etc.

The last student left standing wins the game.

It is a good idea to play an example round with the students before they begin the game.

To make the game harder, you can use similar-sounding words.

You could also ask the students why the word doesn't belong to the lexical set when everyone has stopped, e.g. 'A banana is a fruit. The other words are verbs.'