

Activity Type

Speaking activity, group work

Focus

Vocabulary revision

Aim

To associate one word with another.

Preparation

Write vocabulary you want the students to revise on slips of paper.

Level

Any

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

Here is an imaginative ESL word association game to play in class with your students.

Procedure

Divide the students into two teams.

One player from each team comes to the front of the class.

Show the two players a word you wish to revise on a slip of paper. This is the 'Password'.

The aim of the game is for the teams to guess the password.

To do this, the two players take it in turns to tell their team a word associated with the password.

For example, if the password is 'flower', a player might say 'roses'.

The player's teammates then consult with each other and try to guess the password by associating the word given with another word.

If a team guesses correctly the first time, they score five points. On the second try, they score four points and so on.

If both teams are unable to guess correctly after five tries, change the players and give a new password.

When a password is correctly identified, two new players come to the front and start over with a new password.

The team with the most points at the end of the game is the winner.