

Activity Type

Drawing and speaking activity, group work

Focus

Vocabulary revision

Aim

To guess words from drawings.

Preparation

Two plastic hammers or pictures of the target vocabulary

Level

Any

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

This ESL drawing game is ideal for revising vocabulary. There are two versions of this game, one is for young learners and the other is for older students.

Procedure

For young learners, divide the students into two teams and have each team sit in a circle.

Put a plastic hammer in the centre of each circle.

Draw a picture on the board.

If a student knows what the picture is, they hit the floor with the plastic hammer and call out the answer.

The first team to answer correctly scores one point.

Play until all the vocabulary has been reviewed.

The team with the most points wins the game.

For older students, you can use this version of the game.

Put the students into two teams.

A student from each team comes up to the board.

Show the two students a picture of the target vocabulary.

Each student then draws the picture on the board. The two students are not allowed to speak or write anything.

The first team to guess the word scores a point.

Two new students then come up to the board and so on.

Play until all the vocabulary has been covered.

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