

Activity Type

Writing activity

Focus

Categories of words

Aim

To think of category words that begin with a certain letter.

Preparation

A list of categories

Level

Any

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

This categories game encourages students to think of unique words belonging to a category.

Procedure

Write ten numbered categories on the board.

This game can be played individually, in pairs or small teams.

Tell the students that they are going to play a game where they think of a word for each category beginning with a certain letter.

Explain that in order to score points the students must come up with words that no one else has thought of.

Give the students a letter (e.g. R) and set a time limit, e.g. two minutes.

Students then write down one word for each category beginning with the given letter.

When the time limit has been reached, students read out their answers.

Students score one point for each word that no one else has written.

Play several rounds, changing the starting letter each round.

Whoever has the most points at the end of the game wins.