

Activity Type

Unscrambling activity,
group work

Focus

Vocabulary

Aim

To guess words by
unscrambling letters

Preparation

None

Level

Any

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this ESL hangman game, students guess words by unscrambling letters.

Procedure

Divide the students into two to four teams.

Draw a line on the board for each letter of the word you have chosen.

Teams take it in turns to choose a letter.

If the letter is in the word, write the letter in a different place to where it should go.

If a letter isn't in the word, play passes to the next team.

Once all the letters of the word are revealed, the teams race to unscramble the word.

The first team to guess the word scores a point.

Play several rounds. The team with the highest score at the end of the game is the winner.

The word can be guessed before all the letters are revealed. However, this is normally very hard to do.

You may also wish to base the words on a theme or category to help the students guess the words.