

Activity Type

Writing activity, group work

Focus

Categories of words

Aim

To write uncommon category words beginning with a particular letter.

Preparation

None

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this entertaining categories game, students try to write down uncommon category words beginning with a certain letter.

Procedure

Divide the class into four teams and give each team a piece of paper.

Write ten categories on the board.

Next, choose two students and ask them to come to the front of the class.

One student starts saying the letters of the alphabet and the other student shouts 'Stop' on any letter they choose.

Teams then race to write down one word for each category beginning with that letter.

The first team to write a word for every category shouts 'Stop' and the other teams stop writing.

The teams then give their paper to another team for marking.

Each team in turn reads out the words on their paper.

The scoring is as follows:

Words that are not repeated by another team are worth five points.

Words repeated by two teams are worth two points.

Words repeated by three or more teams are worth one point.

Teams then add up their points and the scores are written on the board.

Play several rounds.

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