

Activity Type

Spelling activity, group work

Focus

Vocabulary revision

Aim

To practice spelling.

Preparation

None

Level

Any

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

Here is a highly-amusing game for revising spelling.

Procedure

Divide the students into equal teams. Have the teams sit in rows facing the board and assign each team with a number.

Give the teams a word to spell.

Teams then take it in turns to attempt to spell the word.

The student at the front of each team always starts with the first letter of the word.

The next student in the team says the second letter and so on, down the line until the word is complete.

If it is a long word and the spelling has reached the last student, the spelling goes back to the player at the front.

Students are not allowed to help each other or write anything down.

Each student must be focused on the spelling of the word and their position in the team for the team to spell the word correctly.

If a team member is too slow to respond, is not paying attention or says the wrong letter, immediately go to the next team.

When a team spells the word correctly, they score a point.

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

The game may sound easy, but even the most basic word may take a few attempts before it is spelt correctly. This is because all the students must concentrate and know the correct spelling of the word.