

Activity Type

Speaking activity, group work

Focus

Verb forms

Aim

To make sentences or questions with specific verbs and verb forms.

Preparation

None

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2-B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this strategic 'Connect 4' style verb game, students practice making sentences and questions using various verb forms.

Procedure

Divide the students into two teams.

Draw a six-by-six grid on the board.

Write different verbs and verb forms in the squares. Add a question mark to some of the base form verbs.

Have the teams play a quick game of rock-paper-scissors to see which team is going to play first and who will be O or X.

Next, one student from the first team comes up to the board and chooses a verb from the grid.

Working alone, the student then tries to use the verb correctly in a sentence. The sentence must be in the same tense as the verb in the square.

If a student chooses a verb that has a question mark next to it, the student makes a question using the verb.

If the student makes an appropriate sentence or question, the team wins the square and an O or X is placed accordingly.

Then, it's the other teams turn to play.

The first team to get four squares in a row wins the game.

If neither team manages to do this, the team with the most squares wins.