

Activity Type

Spelling activity, group work

Focus

Vocabulary

Aim

To spell words by adding letters.

Preparation

A soft ball

Level

Any

Time

15 minutes

Introduction

Here is a fast-paced spelling game based on the game football.

Procedure

Create a space in the classroom to play the game.

Divide the class into two teams.

Play rock-paper-scissors to see which team will kick-off.

Give a ball to a player in the starting team.

The player starts the game by saying a letter, e.g. s.

The player then throws the ball to a teammate. That player has three seconds to add another letter to try to form a word, e.g. e.

The ball is then thrown to another teammate who adds another letter, e.g. n.

This continues until a word is formed.

If the team manages to make a word, e.g. the next player says 'd' to form the word 'send', the team scores a goal.

Award one point for each letter in the word, e.g. send = 4 points.

Play then passes to the other team.

If a player drops the ball or says a letter that cannot go on to form a word, the team loses its turn and the other team takes possession of the ball.

The other team then has a chance to score a goal from the letters already formed, or they can start a new word.

The team with the highest score at the end of the game wins.