

Activity Type

Reading, writing,
listening and speaking
activity, group work

Focus

Grammar and spelling

Listening

Aim

To listen and write a text.

Preparation

None

Level

Any

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this ESL dictation, students work together to recreate a dictated text.

Procedure

Tell the students that you are going to dictate a text to them three times.

The first time you read the text, have the students work alone and listen for the general gist, writing down only keywords.

The second time, have the students turn the keywords into phrases.

The third time you dictate the text, the students try to write complete sentences.

Next, divide the students into teams of four.

The students then work together to come up with the complete text.

When the teams have reconstructed the text, have them write their sentences on the board.

Award one point for each correct sentence.

The team with the most points wins.