

Activity Type

Writing, reading, listening and speaking activity, group work

Focus

Listening comprehension

Reading, writing, grammar and spelling

Aim

To write a text and dictate it in a random order for other students to transcribe and rearrange.

Preparation

Prepare a model text for students to review.

Level

Any

Time

40 minutes

Introduction

In this student-centered dictation game, students write a text and dictate it in a random order for other students to transcribe and rearrange.

Procedure

Provide an example of the type of text you want the students to produce and review it as a class. Texts could include a simple narrative story or basic instructions for a recipe.

Next, divide the students into teams of four or five.

In their teams, students then write a similar text.

When the texts are complete, quickly review each one for any needed revisions.

Students then cut up the text so each team member has an equal part.

Next, teams take it in turns to come to the front of the class and dictate their text to the other teams in a random order.

The other teams listen, transcribe the text, and then race to rearrange it correctly.

The first team to put up their hands and read the text in the correct order wins and scores one point.

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