

Activity Type

Speaking and Grammar Game: forming sentences from prompts, freer practice (group work)

Focus

Adverbial clauses

Aim

To play a game where you make sentences containing adverb clauses with specific subordinating conjunctions and verbs.

Preparation

Make one set of subordinating conjunction cards and verb cards for each group of three or four and cut as indicated, keeping the two sets of cards separate.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this fun adverbial clauses activity, students play a game where they make sentences containing adverb clauses with specific subordinating conjunctions and verbs.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three or four and give each group a set of subordinating conjunction cards and a set of verb cards.

Have the students shuffle each set of cards separately and spread them out face down on the table in two sets.

The students take it in turns to turn over a subordinating conjunction card and a verb card.

The student then makes a sentence containing an adverbial clause using the conjunction and verb.

For example, if the subordinating conjunction was 'after' and the verb was 'eat', the student might say 'After Tom ate lunch, he went to the gym'.

Students can make any sentence they like as long as it is grammatically correct and has an adverbial clause in it that uses the subordinating conjunction and verb.

If the other students in the group agree that the sentence is correct, the student keeps the two cards. If not, the cards are turned back over, keeping them in the same place.

The students continue taking it in turns to turn over two cards and make a sentence until all the cards have been used.

Students should try to remember where cards are positioned to help them make sentences as they go through the game.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

As a variation, you can give the students more practice by having them score a point when they make a sentence. Then, for an extra point, the student says the type of adverb clause used in the sentence, e.g. adverbial clause of time. In this case, the student with the most points at the end of the games wins.

Subordinating conjunction cards



AFTER	WHEN	ALTHOUGH	BEFORE
AS	EVEN THOUGH	SINCE	AS IF
IF	WHEREVER	AS SOON AS	LIKE
ONCE	UNLESS	WHILE	UNTIL
AS ... AS	BECAUSE	THAN	WHENEVER
AFTER	SO	ALTHOUGH	WHEREAS
EVEN IF	EVEN THOUGH	SINCE	AS
IF	WHEREVER	BEFORE	LIKE
SO	UNLESS	WHILE	UNTIL
AS ... AS	WHEN	THAN	WHENEVER

Verb cards

EAT

DRIVE

WORK

LOOK

USE

WEAR

BRING

MAKE

HAVE

RUN

WATCH

GO

STUDY

PRETEND

PAY

WASH

LISTEN

PLAY

READ

SLEEP

GIVE

SPEAK

TRY

VISIT

BUY

DO

DRINK

BRUSH

OPEN

SMILE

SWIM

SMOKE

TRAVEL

WAKE UP

BREAK

ENJOY

FALL

FINISH

COOK

GET