

Activity Type

Speaking Game:
describing, guessing
(group work)

Focus

Describing objects

Adjectives of size, shape,
material and colour

Aim

To take on the role of an
archaeologist in the far
future and play a game
where you describe
objects and guess
possible uses.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
cards for each group of
three or four and cut as
indicated.

Level

Upper-intermediate (B2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this describing objects speaking activity, students take on the role of archaeologists in the far future and play a game where they describe objects and guess possible uses.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a set of cards. Tell the students to shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile on the table.

Ask the students to imagine that they are archaeologists in the far future. Explain that the cards represent unknown ancient objects they have dug up.

The first student picks up the top card from the pile and looks at the picture, without showing it to anyone.

The student then describes the object in detail to the others, without saying what it is.

The student describes the object's size, shape, colour and what it's made of. The student also says what it was possibly used for, according to the description on the card.

The other students listen to the description and give their opinion on what they think the object was actually used for.

The first student to give the correct use of the object wins and keeps the card.

If no one can correctly guess the use, the students move on to try to guess what the object is rather than its use.

When the card has been won, the next student picks up a card from the pile and begins their description.

This continues until all the cards have been used.

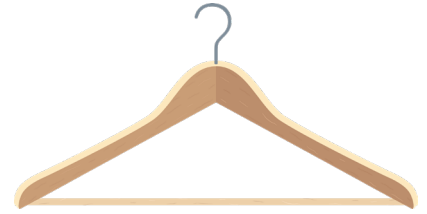
The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.



Possible use:
pillow



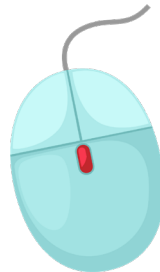
Possible use:
fruit basket



Possible use:
measuring device



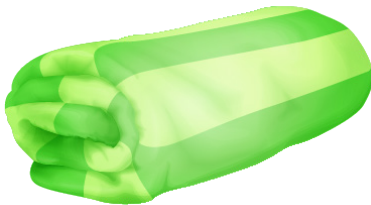
Possible use:
religious object



Possible use:
children's toy



Possible use:
medical device



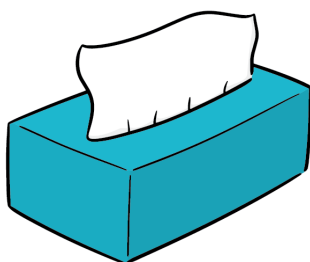
Possible use:
clothing



Possible use:
weapon



Possible use:
musical instrument



Possible use:
decorative object



Possible use:
jewellery



Possible use:
household decoration