Activity Type

Vocabulary Game: bingo, gap-fill (group work)

Focus

Everyday objects

Aim

To practice vocabulary for everyday objects.

Preparation

Make one copy of the bingo cards for each group of seven and cut as indicated.

Also, make one copy of the caller's sheet for each group.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this everyday objects game, students play bingo by completing sentences with everyday object words.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of seven or fewer.

Give one student in each group a copy of the caller's sheet and the other students a bingo card each.

Ask the students to use pencils, so the cards and caller's sheet can be reused each round.

The bingo caller reads a sentence at random from the caller's sheet using the word 'blank' for the missing object word, e.g. 'When it's sunny, I ride my 'blank' to work.'

The caller then puts a tick beside the sentence to show it has been read out.

The players listen and look at the everyday objects written on their bingo cards to see if they have a word that completes the sentence, e.g. bike. If they do, they cross it off.

The game continues until a player has crossed off four objects in a row horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

When this happens, the player shouts 'Bingo!' and reads the object words they crossed off.

If the object words match the sentences that were ticked on the caller's sheet, the student wins the round.

Players then continue to see who can cross off all 16 objects first.

Groups play several rounds, with students taking turns being the bingo caller and with players using a different bingo card each time.

Bingo Card A

plant	clock	door	bike
sunglasses	water bottle	pen	bin
window	wallet	car	credit card
umbrella	toothbrush	map	diary

Bingo Card B

sunglasses	book	keys	suitcase
towel	passport	plant	laptop
phone	plate	chair	handbag
bin	ball	map	box

Bingo Card C

phone	car	window	keys
towel	bike	passport	water bottle
door	handbag	clock	suitcase
credit card	plate	laptop	diary

Bingo Card D

map	pen	chair	door
bin	umbrella	bike	laptop
towel	plant	car	handbag
box	wallet	water bottle	suitcase

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Bingo Card E

passport	book	towel	umbrella
credit card	ball	plate	keys
window	wallet	sunglasses	phone
chair	toothbrush	water bottle	pen

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Bingo Card F

chair	clock	bin	passport
book	door	ball	toothbrush
umbrella	wallet	pen	suitcase
laptop	box	plant	diary

Caller's Sheet	
When it's sunny, I ride my .... to work. (BIKE)	
I read that .... last summer. (BOOK)	
I prefer to take notes using a .... and paper. (PEN)	
After dinner, please wash your .... (PLATE)	
The football player kicked the .... and scored a goal. (BALL)	
It's really hot in here. We should open the .... (WINDOW)	
I use my .... to make calls, send messages, and play games. (PHONE)	
I prefer paying with my .... than with cash. (CREDIT CARD)	
The .... on the wall is broken. Do you know what time it is? (CLOCK)	
When I opened the ...., I found old letters and photos inside. (BOX)	
At the airport, they asked Paula for her .... (PASSPORT)	
He keeps his credit card and ID in his .... (WALLET)	
I can't open this door because I don't have the .... (KEYS)	
I think it's raining, so you should take your .... (UMBRELLA)	
The .... in the corner has beautiful red flowers. (PLANT)	
At 8:00 a.m., she opens her .... and starts working. (LAPTOP)	
Please throw your rubbish in the .... (BIN)	
The town was so small that we couldn't find it on the .... (MAP)	
For short holidays, I usually pack everything in a small .... (SUITCASE)	
Going by .... is much faster than taking the bus. (CAR)	
On sunny days, you should wear .... to protect your eyes. (SUNGLASSES)	
She keeps her keys, sunglasses, and money in her .... (HANDBAG)	
I always carry a .... with me in case I get thirsty. (WATER BOTTLE)	
After swimming, she used a .... to dry her hair. (TOWEL)	
I always lock the .... when I leave my house. (DOOR)	
If you want to sit down, there is another .... over there. (CHAIR)	
The dentist gave me a new .... to take home. (TOOTHBRUSH)	
I always write down important dates in my .... (DIARY)	