

Activity Type

Reading, listening, matching and speaking activity, group work

Focus

Generalization words and phrases

Aim

To race to match specific statements with general ones.

Preparation

Make one copy of the general and specific sentence cards for each group of three. Cut the cards out as indicated, keeping each set separate.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this generalization words games, students race to match specific statements with general ones.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three. If you have extra students, have some groups of four.

Give each group one set of general sentence cards and one set of specific sentence cards.

The six general sentence cards are spread out face up on the desk, within easy reach of all the students.

The students shuffle the specific sentence cards and place them face down in a pile on the desk.

The students take it in turns to pick up a specific sentence card from the pile and read it to the group, without showing the card to anyone.

The other group members listen and then race to find and read out the general sentence card that would come before the specific sentence.

The first player to read out the correct general sentence wins the round and keeps the specific sentence card. The general sentence card is then placed back on the desk face up for the next round.

The correct answer is shown for the reader on the sentence card.

If neither player gives the right answer, the specific sentence card is placed at the bottom of the pile to be used again later in the game.

This process continues until there are no more specific sentence cards left.

The player with the most cards at the end of the game is the winner.

General sentence cards

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| <p>I get up early as a rule.</p> | <p>The other guests were nice for the most part.</p> | <p>I enjoy sports in general, especially tennis.</p> |
| <p>On the whole, the weather has been awful.</p> | <p>Overall, the company did well this year.</p> | <p>In most cases, this app is easy to use.</p> |

Specific sentence cards

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| <p>I play tennis every weekend, and sometimes basketball.</p> <p>Answer: I enjoy sports in general, especially tennis.</p> | <p>I make breakfast for my whole family.</p> <p>Answer: I get up early as a rule.</p> | <p>I didn't like John much, but his wife Rose was friendly.</p> <p>Answer: The other guests were nice for the most part.</p> |
| <p>Ted gave me some new recipes to try.</p> <p>Answer: The other guests were nice for the most part.</p> | <p>It was sunny for just an hour on Tuesday morning.</p> <p>Answer: On the whole, the weather has been awful.</p> | <p>Unfortunately, you can only post one picture at a time.</p> <p>Answer: In most cases, this app is easy to use.</p> |
| <p>It only takes a few seconds to log in.</p> <p>Answer: In most cases, this app is easy to use.</p> | <p>Lucy invited us over for dinner next week.</p> <p>Answer: The other guests were nice for the most part.</p> | <p>It rained every day this week</p> <p>Answer: On the whole, the weather has been awful.</p> |
| <p>Sales were up 33%.</p> <p>Answer: Overall, the company did well this year.</p> | <p>I love to watch the different events in the Olympics.</p> <p>Answer: I enjoy sports in general, especially tennis.</p> | <p>I go for a run every day before work.</p> <p>Answer: I get up early as a rule.</p> |
| <p>I usually sleep until 6 a.m. on weekdays.</p> <p>Answer: I get up early as a rule.</p> | <p>You can post pictures with just one tap.</p> <p>Answer: In most cases, this app is easy to use.</p> | <p>Our costs didn't increase at all.</p> <p>Answer: Overall, the company did well this year.</p> |
| <p>It was so hot I couldn't go outside.</p> <p>Answer: On the whole, the weather has been awful.</p> | <p>Everyone got a big bonus at the end of the year.</p> <p>Answer: Overall, the company did well this year.</p> | <p>I'm studying to be a P.E. teacher.</p> <p>Answer: I enjoy sports in general, especially tennis.</p> |