

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game:
matching (group work)

Focus

Onomatopoeia

Aim

To review and practice
the meanings of different
onomatopoeic words.

Preparation

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

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this fun onomatopoeia game, students guess what makes the sound of different onomatopoeic words while attempting to bluff their classmates with false answers.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three and give each group a set of cards. Students will also need a pen and paper for keeping score.

Ask the students to shuffle the cards and deal them out evenly.

Each card shows an onomatopoeic word in bold, a correct answer in bold and an incorrect answer.

Without showing the group members, students add one more realistic incorrect answer to each of their cards to try to trick the other students.

When the students have finished, they take it in turns to read their cards to the group. The student reads the onomatopoeic word and three possible answers for what makes that sound.

The other group members then take it in turns to guess which answer is correct.

Afterwards, the student reveals the correct answer.

If a group member guessed correctly, they score a point.

The card is then set aside.

The game continues until all the cards have been read out and guessed.

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



<p>Achoo is the sound of:</p> <p>a. a bird</p> <p>b. a sneeze</p> <p>c.</p>	<p>Bark is the sound of:</p> <p>a. a duck</p> <p>b.</p> <p>c. a dog</p>	<p>Buzz is the sound of:</p> <p>a. sleeping</p> <p>b. a bee</p> <p>c.</p>
<p>Clap is the sound of:</p> <p>a.</p> <p>b. drops of water falling</p> <p>c. two hands hitting</p>	<p>Ha ha is the sound of:</p> <p>a. singing</p> <p>b. laughing</p> <p>c.</p>	<p>Honk is the sound of:</p> <p>a.</p> <p>b. a car horn</p> <p>c. a pig</p>
<p>Howl is the sound of:</p> <p>a.</p> <p>b. an owl</p> <p>c. a wolf</p>	<p>Hush is the sound of:</p> <p>a. something fast</p> <p>b.</p> <p>c. quietness</p>	<p>Jingle is the sound of:</p> <p>a.</p> <p>b. bells</p> <p>c. an alarm clock</p>
<p>Knock is the sound of:</p> <p>a. a chicken</p> <p>b.</p> <p>c. a hand hitting a door</p>	<p>Lala is the sound of:</p> <p>a. singing</p> <p>b. leaves moving</p> <p>c.</p>	<p>Meow is the sound of:</p> <p>a. a cat</p> <p>b.</p> <p>c. someone in pain</p>
<p>Moo is the sound of:</p> <p>a. a cow</p> <p>b. a monkey</p> <p>c.</p>	<p>Pop is the sound of:</p> <p>a. a balloon breaking</p> <p>b.</p> <p>c. someone jumping</p>	<p>Roar is the sound of:</p> <p>a. a truck</p> <p>b. a lion</p> <p>c.</p>
<p>Sizzle is the sound of:</p> <p>a. cooking in a frying pan</p> <p>b.</p> <p>c. a fly</p>	<p>Tick-tock is the sound of:</p> <p>a. a keyboard</p> <p>b. a clock</p> <p>c.</p>	<p>Zoom is the sound of:</p> <p>a.</p> <p>b. something big and heavy</p> <p>c. something fast</p>