

Activity Type

Vocabulary and Listening Game: matching, identifying (group work)

Focus

Descriptions

Vocabulary revision

Aim

To listen to a description and match it with a word.

Preparation

Prepare two fly swatters (or similar objects) and a list of revision words.

Level

Any

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

Here is a lively describing game for ESL students.

Procedure

Write words you want the students to revise randomly on the board.

Divide the students into two teams (A and B)

Give each team member a number.

Have each team line up at the back of the room.

Give each team a fly swatter.

Make sure that the students have a clear runway to the board.

Describe one of the words on the board, e.g. 'It's something you sit on'.

Then, call out a number.

The two students with that number run to the board with their fly swatter to find the word that matches the description (e.g. chair).

The first student to swat the correct word scores a point for their team.

Then, give another description and so on.

The game continues until all the words have been used.

The team with the most points at the end of the game is the winner.