

Activity Type

Spelling activity, group work

Focus

Category words

Aim

To spell category words beginning with certain letters.

Preparation

None

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2-B1)

Time

15 minutes

Introduction

This entertaining game is ideal for revising spelling and categories of words.

Procedure

Divide the students into four teams.

Draw four ladders on the board. Each ladder should have six rungs.

Have the teams line up in front of their ladder.

Choose a category, e.g. jobs.

Ask each team to give you the name of a job. This will be the team's starting word. Each team's starting word should be different.

When you say 'go', the student at the front of each team runs to the board and writes their starting word on the bottom of the ladder.

The student then races back and gives the chalk or marker to the next student who uses the last letter of the word as the beginning letter of the next word.

If a student misspells a word, the next student can correct it but cannot write a new word.

The first team to get to the top of the ladder with all the words spelt correctly wins the round and scores a point.

Play several rounds, choosing a different category each time.

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

Example layout and answers:

Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D
nurse			
technician			
travel agent			
receptionist			
teacher			
accountant			

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