Activity Type

Vocabulary and Spelling Game: guessing (group work)

Focus

Categories of words

Aim

To guess words belonging to a category from letters written on the board.

Preparation

Prepare categories with ten words in each category.

Example: animals

1. monkey
2. tiger
3. elephant
4. hippo
5. cat
6. deer
7. leopard
8. giraffe
9. dog
10. mouse

Level

Any

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this engaging category game, students guess words belonging to a category as letters are gradually added to each word.

Procedure

Divide the class into two teams (A and B).

Write numbers 1 to 10 on the board.

Explain that the students are going to guess words belonging to a category as letters are gradually added to each word.

Tell the students what the words all have in common, e.g. they are all animals.

Ask Team A to choose a number, e.g. 3.

Write the first letter of the word next to the number, e.g. 3. e

Team A then tries to guess the word.

If Team A correctly guesses the word, they score one point and the word is written on the board, e.g. 3. elephant.

The team then plays again.

If they guess incorrectly, play passes to Team B.

Each time a team chooses a number, the next letter of the word is added to the board.

Play several rounds using a different category each time.

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