



Vocabulary extension activities

CONVERSATION TASK

Topic: Mixed, see below

Grammar: N/A

Lexis: Any suitable A1 lexis

Aims: To review and practise A1 level vocabulary.

Objectives: To practise spelling and pronunciation of A1 lexis.

Language functions: N/A.

Materials needed: None.

The list of vocabulary areas below is all at A1 level of the CEFR. Words associated with these vocabulary areas may appear in any part of the ISE A1 exam. Playing games to revise vocabulary is a good way to identify areas which may need extra practice as well as helping students feel confident in words they already know.

These activities give students the opportunity to practise vocabulary whilst having fun in the class.

Board race

Procedure

1. Divide the class into teams and give each team an area of the board to write.
2. Call out one of these topic areas and the team must write a list of six words on the board.
3. Students can only write one word before they pass the pen to another team member.
4. The first team to write six words wins the round. Words must be spelt correctly. Erase any words that have spelling errors.
5. Continue with another topic area.

First to five

Procedure

1. Put students in pairs.
2. Call out one of these topic areas and students must write a list of five words and say stop when they have five.
3. The first pair to write five wins the round.
4. Continue with another topic area

Topic area:

- ▶ Days of the week
- ▶ Months of the year
- ▶ Places in the town
- ▶ Classroom objects
- ▶ Bedroom objects
- ▶ Bathroom objects
- ▶ Living room objects
- ▶ Family members
- ▶ Sports
- ▶ Daily routine activities

Head to head

Procedure

1. Divide the class into two teams.
2. The first players from each team stand and face each other.
3. The teacher gives them one of the topic areas and they must take it in turns to say a word associated with that topic.
4. If a student cannot think of a word to add, they are out of the game and are replaced with another team member.
5. The teacher gives them another topic.
6. The game continues until one team has no players remaining.

Back to the board

Procedure

1. Divide the class into two teams.
2. Ask two students from the class to sit at the front of the class with their back to the board.
3. Tell the class the topic area.
4. Write one word associated with the topic area on the board.
5. The class describes the word to the students at the front of the class. They cannot say the word.
6. The first student at the front of the class to say the word wins a point for the team.
7. Change the students at the front of the class and continue.