

Activity Type

Speaking Game: forming sentences, controlled practice (group work)

Focus

Introductions

Giving personal information

Third-person singular

Aim

To introduce other students to the class.

Preparation

Recycled paper

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

Here is an inventive way for students to introduce each other on the first day of class. This game works best with younger students.

Procedure

Give each student a piece of recycled paper.

Ask the students to write their name and five things about themselves on the paper, e.g. their age, hobbies, etc.

If you want to give the students more direction, write a short introductory text on the board for them to copy on to the paper and complete with their own information.

Next, divide the students into two teams.

Have the teams stand facing each other at opposite sides of the classroom.

Tell the students to crumple their paper into a snowball.

Explain that the two teams are going to have a snowball fight.

When you say 'go', the snowball fight commences.

When you shout 'stop', anyone holding a snowball must open up the paper and find the person whose name is written inside.

The student then introduces the person to the class using the information written on the paper in the third person, e.g. 'His name is Joshua. He is 11 years old', etc.

When the introductions have been made, the corresponding snowballs are removed from the game.

The two teams continue the snowball fight until everyone has been introduced to the class.

You can also use this game to review question and answer forms by writing a question inside each snowball.

When you shout 'stop', anyone holding a snowball must answer the question written inside.