

Activity Bag for YL

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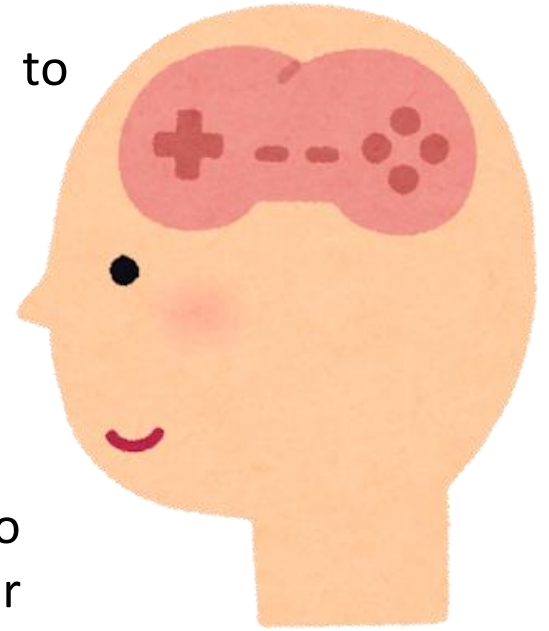
Discuss:

1. Why is it important to include games in the class?
2. What games are good to play with YL?



Why is it important to include games?

- ❁ **More motivation:** Students become more motivated to learn and participate.
- ❁ **Attentiveness:** As games move quickly and there is an element of challenge and competition, students must be alert and attentive for longer periods.
- ❁ **Engaging Practice:** Learners need a lot of practice to internalize vocabulary and structures and games offer meaningful and engaging opportunities to do so in a stress-free environment.



Why is it important to include games?

- ❁ **Facilitate Learning:** Games stand out in students' memories making it easy to recall vocabulary and structures.
- ❁ **Different Stimuli:** Students may remember vocabulary/structures from acting them out, others may remember hearing classmates call out answers, others may remember reading some clues, etc.
- ❁ **Other Skills:** Games allow students to learn how to work together, take turns, build respect, listen to others and play fairly.



What games are good to play with YL?

A game is **“an activity with rules, a goal and an element of fun”** (Hadfield, 1998)

- ✿ Easy to explain and set up in the classroom
- ✿ In accordance with students' age and level of English
- ✿ Students practice or refresh vocabulary / structures (not just for fun)
- ✿ Not too long, otherwise students will lose interest



AIM:

By the end of this workshop, you will be able to...

- ❁ Set up easy group-activities and games to practice and revise vocabulary / simple structures with YL (from pre-A1 to Pre-intermediate level of English)



Ready to start?



Discuss:

1. Did you know any of these games?
2. What age group can you use them with?
3. What steps should you follow to present the activity?



STEPS:

- ❁ Explain the rules of the game
- ❁ Demonstrate how to play with the help of one or two students
- ❁ If necessary, write on the board key language or instructions



Ready for more?



Discuss:

1. Something you can adapt to suit your students
2. Something you can definitely use in your classroom
3. Something you want to ask



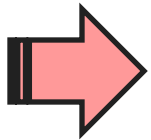
Thanks for coming!



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For more games you can visit '*Pinterest: Party Games*'

