

ESL Activities/Games

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Odd Word Out

1. Put ten rows of words, 4 words in each row on the board or overhead transparency.
2. Read the words in each row together with the class.
3. Clarify any unfamiliar words.
4. Students tell you which word doesn't belong and why.
5. You can use words from the unit you are studying or choose a broad category and select words from it, i.e.. "Emotions"

Example: angry happy violence jealous

Response: angry, happy and jealous are emotions so violence doesn't belong.

Beanbag Toss

1. Choose a category.
2. Students toss a beanbag back and forth.
3. The student to whom a beanbag is tossed must name a word in the category.

Possible Categories:

Things that are green

Things that are red

Things you find in the living room

Things you find in the kitchen

Places in town, etc.

Finish the Sentence

1. Divide the class into two teams.
2. Begin sentences and have students from each team take turns finishing them with the appropriate word/s from the lesson. If a team cannot come up with the correct answer, the other team tries.
3. The team with the most correct sentence completions wins.

Example: A place to eat out is a _____.