

LEISURE TIME

A Vocabulary and Speaking Game

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TEACHER

You will need a clock or watch for this activity.

1. Divide your class into two equal teams.
2. Make a copy of the following cards and cut them out. Give one card to each student, and keep one card for yourself. If you don't have enough cards, you may want to create similar cards or pair students for this activity.
3. Instruct students not to show or tell their team members the words that are on their cards.
4. Explain that this is a guessing game. Each student will have a chance to give verbal clues about the words on his or her card. His or her team members must guess as many words as possible within a specific time. Decide how much time your students will need to guess the words on the cards.
5. Show them how to play the game by demonstrating the following example:

EXAMPLE:

TEACHER: The title of my card is Places to Go. Yuki, please watch the clock and tell me when one minute has passed. First word: you can see a lot of famous art at this place.

STUDENT: An art store?

TEACHER: No, you must buy a ticket to enter this place.

STUDENT: An art museum?

TEACHER: Yes! Second word, . . .

Keep playing until one minute is up or the students have guessed all the words on your card.

6. After showing students how to play the game, have one person from Team 1 come up to the front of the room, announce the title of his or her card, and start giving clues. Instruct Team 2 to watch the clock and let the other team know when their time is up.
7. You can play this game with or without keeping track of points earned by the teams.
8. You may want to write some of the following structures on a chalkboard to help students give clues.

This has . . .

This is like . . .

This is used for . . .

This is the opposite of . . .

You need . . .

Leisure Time Activities

1. Photography
2. Playing Sports
3. Cooking
4. Reading
5. Listening to Music

Places to Go

1. Art Museum
2. Dance Club
3. Bookstore
4. Restaurant
5. Movie Theater

Movies

1. Actor
2. Popcorn
3. Ticket
4. Adventure
5. Horror

Individual Sports

1. Tennis
2. Jogging
3. Skiing
4. Swimming
5. Golf

Going on Vacation

1. Plane
2. Bus
3. Train
4. Camera
5. Suitcase

At the Library

1. Book
2. Magazine
3. Dictionary
4. Computer
5. Newspaper

Team Sports

1. Baseball
2. Soccer
3. Football
4. Basketball
5. Volleyball

Countries to Visit

1. United States
2. Egypt
3. India
4. China
5. Brazil