

Categories

About this activity

Practise putting words together to help learners improve their pronunciation.

Putting words in groups which share the same sound can help learners improve and practise their pronunciation. It is also a fun game to play in class.

Choose three sounds you want to practise, e.g. /i:/ as in sheep, /e/ as in bed and /u:/ as in boot. Next, choose some categories, e.g. food, countries, parts of the body, sports, animals and colours.

As learners to copy the table of categories and sounds. Do the first row together as a class. Elicit one word for each category to complete the first row.

Then, put the class into small groups or teams and ask them to work together to complete the next two rows. For example:

	Food	Countries	Parts of the body	Sports	Animals	Colours
/i:/	Cheese	Ethiopia	Cheek	Skiing	Cheetah	Green
/e/	Bread	Senegal	Leg	Tennis	Elephant	Red
/u:/	Cucumber	Cameroon	Tooth	Judo	Baboon	Blue

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