

## The letter game

### Read what a teacher says about this activity:

'The letter game is fantastic for getting learners to think and to cooperate. I sometimes use it as an energiser when I notice my learners are losing focus or getting tired. I also use it to revise and recycle vocabulary at the start or end of a term'.

<b>Stage 1: Introduce</b>	<p>Write the following on the board:</p> <p>Country Colour Object Adjective</p> <p>Or you can have different categories such as furniture, jobs, school subjects, food etc.</p>
<b>Stage 2: Introduce</b>	<p>Put learners in groups and say: 'I will give you a letter. In your team think of a word for each category that starts with this letter. You will have 2 minutes. At the end, tell me the words you have written. You get 1 point for each correct word which no other team has written. Ready?'</p>
<b>Stage 3: Play</b>	<p>Choose a letter and say: 'The letter is &lt; ___ &gt;, Go.' Make sure that no groups are cheating.</p>
<b>Stage 4: Check</b>	<p>Say: 'Stop'. Ask each team to read out their words or come to the board and write it up. You can check their pronunciation or spelling when doing this.</p> <p>Award points for correct answers.</p> <p>For each category, start with a different team.</p>
<b>Stage 5: Explain</b>	<p>Check if you think some learners won't know the meaning of particular words.</p>

When taking feedback, if a learner says a word which you think it would be useful for the others to know, ask them to explain the meaning. This is a good way to involve learners and make the class more learner-centred.

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