

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity, group work

Language Focus

Introductions

Giving basic personal information

Subject pronouns

Aim

To give basic personal information about yourself and repeat other students' information.

Preparation

Two balls

Level

Young learners

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

This engaging introduction game is ideal for the first day of class and helps students get to know each other. In the game, students race to give basic personal information about themselves and repeat other students' information.

Procedure

Arrange the students into two teams and sit each team in a circle.

Tell the teams that they are going to race each other to say everyone's name in their team.

Give the first student in each team a ball. The first student begins by saying their name, e.g. 'I'm Ryan'.

The first student then passes the ball to the second student.

The second student repeats the first student's name and then says their own name, e.g. 'He's Ryan, and I'm Kate'.

The second student passes the ball to the next student.

The next student continues, e.g. 'He's Ryan. She's Kate, and I'm Amiko'.

The game continues until all the names have been said.

If a student forgets the name of a teammate, the team starts over from the first student.

The first team to finish wins the round and scores a point.

Then, start with a different student and repeat the game with other personal information, e.g. age, height, etc.

The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.