

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game: bingo, matching (group work)

Focus

Urban places

Aim

To practice vocabulary for places commonly found in cities and towns.

Preparation

Make one copy of the bingo cards and caller's sheet for each group of seven and cut as indicated.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this places vocabulary game, students play bingo by listening to definitions and matching them to the names of places commonly found in cities and towns.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of seven or fewer.

Give one student in each group a copy of the caller's sheet, and the other students a bingo card each.

Ask the students to use pencils, so the cards and caller's sheet can be reused each round.

The bingo caller reads a place definition at random from the caller's sheet without saying the place name in brackets.

The caller then puts a tick beside the definition to show it has been read out.

The players listen and look at the places written on their bingo cards to see if they have a place that matches the definition.

If they do, they cross it off.

The game continues until a player has crossed off four places in a row horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

When this happens, the player shouts 'Bingo!' and then reads out the places they crossed off.

If the places match the definitions that were ticked on the caller's sheet, the player wins the round.

Players then continue to see who can cross off all 16 places first.

Groups play several rounds, with students taking turns being the bingo caller and with players using a different bingo card each time.

Bingo Card A

museum	pool	park	car park
restaurant	factory	police station	office
hospital	beach	university	gym
station	cafe	bookshop	shopping centre


Bingo Card B

theatre	airport	post office	library
market	hotel	square	school
bank	zoo	art gallery	cinema
beach	gym	restaurant	factory


Bingo Card C

station	shopping centre	bookshop	hospital
gym	cinema	police station	museum
theatre	post office	cafe	bank
market	airport	square	university

Bingo Card D

art gallery	hotel	pool	beach
office	car park	square	library
school	bank	zoo	post office
restaurant	park	museum	station


Bingo Card E

airport	restaurant	market	gym
bookshop	police station	shopping centre	theatre
hospital	university	cafe	park
station	hotel	factory	beach


Bingo Card F

cinema	factory	zoo	pool
office	school	museum	hospital
square	airport	bookshop	police station
art gallery	library	bank	theatre

Caller's Sheet	
A place where people go to see new films. (CINEMA)	
A place where people go for help with crimes or other problems. (POLICE STATION)	
A place where people go to study or borrow a book. (LIBRARY)	
A place where people go to see and learn about things from the past. (MUSEUM)	
A place where large amounts of goods are made using machines. (FACTORY)	
A place where children go to study subjects like science and maths. (SCHOOL)	
A place where people go to take a bus or a train. (STATION)	
A place where people go to see plays or concerts. (THEATRE)	
A place where people go to do exercise. (GYM)	
A place where people go to buy food. (MARKET)	
A place where people pay to swim. (POOL)	
A place where people go to have a coffee or a snack. (CAFE)	
A place where people go to get money. (BANK)	
A place where people go to look at paintings or drawings. (ART GALLERY)	
A place where people go to take a flight to a different city. (AIRPORT)	
A place where people go to swim and relax on the sand. (BEACH)	
A place where people go to sleep when they are visiting a city. (HOTEL)	
A place where people go to continue studying and get a degree. (UNIVERSITY)	
A place where people go to visit many different shops. (SHOPPING CENTRE)	
A place where people go to eat dinner. (RESTAURANT)	
A place where people go to see animals from around the world. (ZOO)	
A place where people go to buy stamps and send letters. (POST OFFICE)	
A place where people go to buy something to read. (BOOKSHOP)	
A place where people go during the week to work. (OFFICE)	
A place where people leave their cars. (CAR PARK)	
An open place with buildings around it, often in the centre of a town. (SQUARE)	
A place where children go to play with their friends outside. (PARK)	
A place where people go when they are ill or need to see a doctor. (HOSPITAL)	