

Activity Type

Speaking Game:
answering questions
(group work)

Focus

Question and answer
structures

Aim

To answer target
questions set by the
teacher.

Preparation

A list of questions

Level

Any

Time

15 minutes

Introduction

Here is an imaginative ESL question and answer game to play in class.

Procedure

Draw a football pitch and players on the board (see example below). Have some kind of football sticker that you can move around the pitch.

Divide the students into two teams. Ask the students to give their football team a name.

Set a time limit of five minutes for each half of the game.

The game starts in the centre of the football pitch.

To score, teams pass the ball forwards through the players before beating the goalkeeper. To do this, the teams race each other to correctly answer questions set by the teacher.

When a team is the first to answer a question correctly, the ball moves from one player to the next in the direction that the team is playing. If a team answers incorrectly and the other team answers correctly, the ball goes in the other direction.

When the time limit has been reached, play the second half of the game.

The team that scores the most goals wins.

The number of players you draw on the pitch is up to you, the more players the harder it is to score a goal.

Example:

