

Language game:

TIC TAC TOE (NOUGHTS AND CROSSES) AS A WHOLE CLASS ACTIVITY

You need to draw a grid with at least 8-10 columns on the board (or you prepare a projection on the Smartboard). Number the columns like this:

								X	
							X	O	
						X	O	X	
			X		X	O	O	O	X
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

On the other side of the board the teacher prepares categories for each number (or you can give a handout to the students), for instance:

- 1 – Animals
- 2 – Food
- 3 – Irregular verbs
- 4 – School subjects, etc...

Categories depend on student level.

The class is divided into two teams. Team A calls a number (for example: number 4). The teacher gives them a task, for example: What subject do I teach? Where do you learn about World War 2?... If they can answer the question, they can write a NOUGHT or a CROSS in the appropriate place or the teacher does it, respectively. Then team B calls a number and so on...

It is important for the teams to have a strategy how to build their line of symbols and to answer the questions correctly.

The winning team is the one that can build a line of 4 symbols (noughts or crosses). The symbols can go horizontally, vertically or diagonally (look at the example above).

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HOT SEAT

A game for revising vocabulary.

Split the class into two teams. The students are facing the board. Put two empty chairs in the front (facing the class). These chairs are called 'hot seats'.

One member from each team sits in the hot chair. The teacher writes a word on the board (the pupils in the hot seat cannot see it, because they've got their backs towards the board). The students all attempt to describe the word – they can use synonyms, definitions etc. They aren't allowed to mime or make sounds.

The students in the hot seats try to guess the word. The one that makes the correct guess, wins a point for his or her team. Then the students in the hot seat change.

You can continue to a certain number of points. For instance, whichever team scores 10 points first is the winner.