



# Games in language learning

## Introduction

- Children love playing games.
- Playing games is a vital and natural part of growing up and learning.
- Children learn by experimenting with their environment and the world around them and playing games is one way that they can discover this.
- You as language teachers can enlarge your students' world by including the playing of games in teaching your students the English language.

- Games can make a lesson much more interesting especially for those children who are not so motivated.
- Playing a game can bring variety to a lesson.
- Using a foreign language in playing a game immediately makes the learning of the words useful for them.
- It brings to life the whole reason for learning the language.

# What is a language game?

- One main vital strategy is to ensure the children use their knowledge of the language and apply their skill along with other skills in the game.

# How to include games into your syllabus

- Think carefully about your class.
- Another consideration is the whole “personality” of the class.
- There are games that wake the class up and games that will settle a class.

# A game must be more than fun

- Playing different games from lesson to lesson
- Vary the order in which you play games
- Always end an activity when the fun is still at its peak.
- Think ahead

# Some useful game playing terms

- Its my/your/her/his turn
- Whose turn is it?
- You're out
- Roll the dice
- Shuffle the cards
- Take....
- Give.....
- Wait.....
- Don't peek (look)
- No cheating
- Move...spaces forward / backwards
- Make a circle
- Line up
- Turn around
- Shut your eyes
- Pass the (ball, cup)
- Spin the.....
- Throw away
- Deal the cards
- You are out.
- Congaratuations on winning ...
- Don't cheat!
- You've won!

# How to choose the person who begins/ leads the game?

- Eeny meeny miny mo, catch a spider on your toe. If he wriggles let him go. Who's it not you.
- Keep doing this until the last person is the starter.
- One potato, two potato... Who's it not you.
- Peas pudding hot peas pudding cold, peas pudding in the pot nine days old. Who's it not you.



# Game type

- Movement games
- Card games
- Board games
- Dice games
- Drawing games
- Guessing games
- Role play games
- Singing and chanting games
- Team games
- Word games