

Memory

Stepping Stones : Teambuilding & Empowerment

Materials : incl. materials

Type of exercise : oral

Duration exercise : 30 min.

Objectives

The learner can consolidate new vocabulary.

Materials

- About twenty pairs of cards: an image and the corresponding word, related to a treated topic.
- Make several decks of cards. Use thick paper, so that nothing can be seen on the backside.
- Use a different color for every deck: it saves time making decks when you collect all cards after the game.
- Tables

Preparation

- Mix up the cards.
- Lay the cards in a grid, face down.

Instructions

- Divide the group into teams of three or four players.
- Let a learner turn over any two cards, at random.
- If the two cards match, s/he keeps the pair.
- The next learner now flips two cards.
- If the cards don't match, the learner turns them with the face down. Give the learners time to remember what was on each card and where it was.
- The game is over when all the cards have been matched.
- The player with the most matches wins.

Tips for the instructor

- Tell the learners it is essential in this exercise not to change the position of the cards when putting them back.
- This exercise exceeds the initial aim if images are too similar, e.g. digital clocks.

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Language skills / Linguistic performance

- Reading

Linguistic competence/knowledge

- Vocabulary
- Memory

Social-emotional skills and competences

- Fun
- Imagination, creativity and learning to learn