

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game:
guessing (group work)

Focus

Vocabulary

Aim

To guess the top five answers in a survey.

Preparation

A copy of the survey results

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2-B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This fun ESL TV quiz game is adapted from a famous television game show with the same name.

Procedure

Copy the 'Family Fortunes' game board onto the board:

(Family name) (score)	FAMILY FORTUNES Top Five Answers	(Family name) (score)
	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
	4.	
	5.	

Divide the students into two teams. Each team chooses a family name. Write the family names on the board.

Explain that the aim of the game is for a team to guess the top five answers to a survey. If they do this, they win the round and score 100 points.

Each round begins with one member from each team coming to the front of the class and trying to guess a top five answer to a survey question.

The first student to give a top five answer can choose for their team to play or pass, depending on the difficulty of the category.

Students in the playing team then take it in turns to guess the other top five answers. If an answer is in the top five, it's written next to the corresponding number.

The playing team gets three lifelines per round. If an answer is not in the top five, the team loses a life. When this happens, draw a big X in one of the three boxes and say the phrase 'Uh-uhhh.'

If a team loses all three lives, the other team has one chance to name one of the other top five answers. If they manage to do this, they steal the round and win all the points. If not, the team that gave the three incorrect answers scores 20 points for each answer they got right.

The game is then repeated with a new survey question. The family with the most points at the end of the game wins.

We asked 100 English teachers to name...

<p>a former president of the USA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obama 2. Trump 3. Bush 4. Nixon 5. Clinton 	<p>a European capital city</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paris 2. Rome 3. London 4. Madrid 5. Warsaw 	<p>an African country</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kenya 2. Zimbabwe 3. Nigeria 4. Uganda 5. Senegal
<p>an ice cream flavour</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. vanilla 2. chocolate 3. green tea 4. strawberry 5. mint 	<p>a hot country</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thailand 2. Spain 3. Singapore 4. India 5. Australia 	<p>an item of jewellery</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ring 2. necklace 3. watch 4. earrings 5. bracelet
<p>a water sport</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. water skiing 2. water polo 3. windsurfing 4. swimming 5. diving 	<p>a car brand</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BMW 2. Mercedes Benz 3. Ford 4. Honda 5. Toyota 	<p>a country starting with C</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Canada 2. China 3. Cameroon 4. Columbia 5. Cyprus
<p>a fruit</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. mango 2. apple 3. banana 4. pineapple 5. orange 	<p>a type of music</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. pop 2. rock 3. hip hop 4. reggae 5. classical 	<p>a famous person who is dead</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Michael Jackson 2. David Bowie 3. Princess Diana 4. Prince 5. Carrie Fisher
<p>an English football team</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manchester United 2. Liverpool 3. Tottenham 4. Chelsea 5. Manchester City 	<p>a dangerous animal</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. tiger 2. snake 3. shark 4. lion 5. crocodile 	<p>a job</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. teacher 2. policeman 3. doctor 4. dentist 5. brain surgeon