

Teacher notes

Disappearing sentence (3)

Language point

Sentence structure

Aim

To increase awareness of correct sentence structure.

Activity

Students play a game to shorten a sentence, maintaining correct grammar.

Organization

Group work

Preparation

Make enough copies of the activity for the number of students in your class.

What do I do?

- 1 Write the sentence on the board.
- 2 Divide students into teams of three or four and hand out the activity.
- 3 Teams take it in turns to remove words from the sentence according to the rules below, to make a shorter but still grammatically correct sentence.
- 4 Erase words from the board as teams choose them, making the sentence shorter and shorter. Give one point for each word correctly removed.
- 5 Continue until the sentence has disappeared, or until it is no longer possible to remove more words. The team with the most points is the winner!

Rules

- 1 *You can remove one, two or three **consecutive** words*
- 2 *The sentence must still be grammatically correct after you have removed the word(s)*
- 3 *You can add, remove or change punctuation when you remove words, to maintain a grammatically correct sentence.*

Jack was watching television late one night when he heard a very loud bang from somewhere outside: he got up from his chair and went to look out of his living room window and saw a beautiful display of fireworks in the sky.