



Activity: Subject-Verb Matching



Materials needed: Index cards of two different colors

Description:

This is a “mingling” activity that the whole class jumps into at once. The sentences below allow for 26 participants. For groups larger than that, you’ll probably find it better to divide into two separate cohorts with two completely different sets of sentences.

If you find yourself having to create more sentences, avoid having people as the subjects in all but one or two cases. It’s easier to write exclusive matches that way. You’ll understand when you read the sentences below.

To make this activity easier, use two colors of index cards, one color for the subject and the other color for the predicate. To make it tougher, use only one color per cohort.

Write half of each sentence on an index card. Mix them well and distribute them to the class, one per student. Students should read their cards and practice saying their phrases out loud.

All together, the students stand and begin mingling with each other, trying to find the second half of their sentence. It’s more fun if students avoid reading their cards and just “recite” their fragments to each other, and under no condition should they just hold out their cards for others to read.

When a student thinks he or she has found a match, the two should come to the teacher for confirmation and then back out of play until all matches have been made.

At the end of the activity, a nice wrap-up would be to put all the correct sentences on the board, in columns according to number, so students can see why they are singular or plural.

A lot of my friends from school

are coming to my party.

Every teacher, counselor, and coach

is interested in the students’ progress.

Gymnastics

is an Olympic sport.

My TV, as well as my refrigerator,

is broken again.

My stereo and my cell phone

are the latest technology.



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Baseball and football

have many fans in America.

The Germans

have a unique October holiday.

Germany

has the second largest population in Europe.

The early morning news

has helpful traffic updates.

Einstein's ideas

were revolutionary.

One of the books

was on the shelf.

A lot of the books

were available in the library.

Writing plays

was Wendy's passion.