



Activity: Mix and Match Question Game

Materials needed: Two baskets or bags, index cards or slips of paper to write words on.

Description: Label one basket “Question Starters” and the other basket “Verbs.” Write one question-starter word on a card or slip and drop it in the correct basket. Write each verb on other cards and put those in a different basket.



Put the baskets in the middle of the room within equal access to all students and set the students in pairs. At the “go” signal, one student from each pair selects one slip from each basket. The student returns to his or her pair, and together they come up with a question that begins with the starter word and incorporates the verb. The pair writes their sentence, underlining the slip words. As soon as they write one sentence, one of the pair can return to the baskets to select two more slips.

The team has to write ten unique sentences. While they may repeat what is on one of the slips, they may not repeat the same combination of question starters and verbs in a sentence.

Whichever team first comes up with ten unique and correct sentences, checked by the teacher, wins the game.

Question starters: *How often, what time, do, does, did, have, has, is, are, will, when, what kind of, what, where, who, how about, how, why, how*

Sample Verbs: *study, visit, leave, drive, talk, graduate, walk, watch, spend, buy, read, carry, go, go shopping, get, play, work, eat, arrive, bring, fix* (Be sure to use verbs that can be used in the progressive form!)