**Ghosts** is a brilliant high energy game perfect for practicing the past tense. With a capable elementary or pre-intermediate class it can become something quite special.

**INTRO**
This is a communicative game for reviewing past tense.

**STEP 1**
Draw the above stick figures on the whiteboard. Each team has 3 lives.

**STEP 2**
Divide the class into teams. There are three teams in my example. Brainstorm past tense verbs (get a lot). Explain the rules on the right. Model the exercise. The idea is that the first team starts with the word “First”, the second team “Next”, the third team “Then”. Return to the first for “After that” and the second for “Finally” and continue with each team making past tense sentences. Every time you come round to “First” the story can start in a new situation.

**STEP 3**
The teams that lose three lives die and become ghosts. The last team alive is the winner.

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**Brainstorm**
Past Tense Verbs
- went
- read
- said
- found
- etc, etc

**Have example round:**
- First, he **got** out of bed.
- Next, he **brushed** his teeth.
- Then, he **went** for a run.
- After that, he **had** a shower.
- Finally, he **ate** breakfast.

**Explain rules**
A team loses a life if:  
* they repeat a verb already used
* they make a grammar mistake
* they take too long
* they make a ridiculous sentence