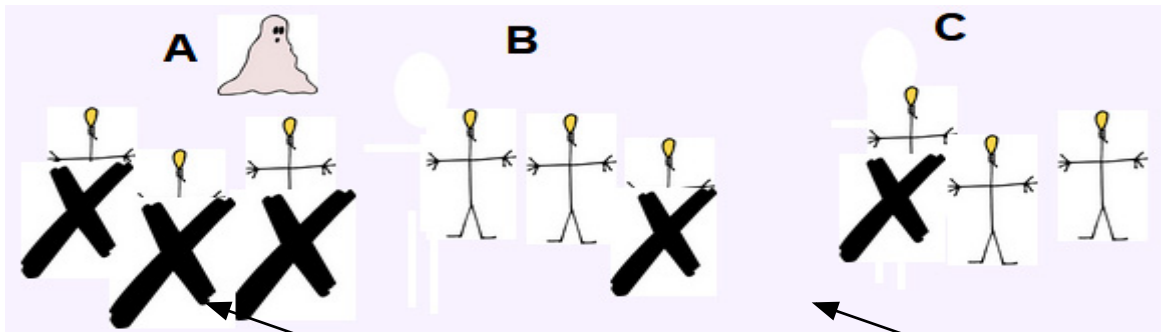


Ghosts- past tense grammar game

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.



*This team made 3 mistakes
This team have become ghosts.
They are out of the game.*

1 Create 3 or 4 teams

*2 Brainstorm
Past Tense Verbs*

went
read
said
found
etc, etc

3 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.

4 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

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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.