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How Can a Five-Minute Alphabet Game Practise English?

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Teaching focus

Choose a familiar topic, take turns finding a related word or phrase for successive alphabet letters, and stop when your available time ends. Decide in advance whether phrases count and whether difficult letters can be skipped, so the rules support the practice.

Our suggested routine

1. Choose a familiar topic and agree a short time limit.
2. Decide whether phrases count and whether difficult letters can be skipped.
3. Model the first few turns and display the alphabet if helpful.
4. Take turns with thinking time or pair support, briefly clarifying doubtful answers.
5. Stop at the agreed time and recap or use two or three useful items.

After the attempt

What could learners do? What needed another model or a smaller step? Choose one useful adjustment and try the task again.

Notes for our next lesson

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