How Can a Human Sentence Activity Teach English Word Order?

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Purpose

Give each learner one word or phrase and ask the group to arrange themselves into a correct sentence. Because learners physically change position, word order becomes something they can see, discuss and test rather than only something written on a page.

Try this in your next lesson

Give each learner one word.

Our suggested routine

☐ Give each learner one word.

☐ Build the basic sentence.

☐ Read it aloud together.

☐ Move one word and discuss what changes.

☐ Add two new words or phrases.

☐ Finish by writing a new sentence with the same pattern.

After the attempt

What worked? What needs another model or a smaller step? Note one change for next time.

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