

Teacher notes

Disappearing sentence (2)

Language point

Sentence structure

Aim

To increase awareness of correct sentence structure.

Activity

Students play a game to shorten a sentence, maintaining correct grammar.

Organization

Group work

Preparation

Make enough copies of the activity for the number of students in your class.

What do I do?

- 1 Write the sentence on the board.
- 2 Divide students into teams of three or four and hand out the activity.
- 3 Teams take it in turns to remove words from the sentence according to the rules below, to make a shorter but still grammatically correct sentence.
- 4 Erase words from the board as teams choose them, making the sentence shorter and shorter. Give one point for each word correctly removed.
- 5 Continue until the sentence has disappeared, or until it is no longer possible to remove more words. The team with the most points is the winner!

Rules

- 1 *You can remove one, two or three **consecutive** words*
- 2 *The sentence must still be grammatically correct after you have removed the word(s)*
- 3 *You can add, remove or change punctuation when you remove words, to maintain a grammatically correct sentence.*

One fine sunny day,
Harold, a pilot, ate a
large breakfast as usual
and drove leisurely to
the airport, where he
parked his brand new
sports car in the staff car
park and took his seat in
the cockpit of his
aeroplane to fly
hundreds of passengers
to Singapore.