

Activity Ideas: Grammar Brainstorm

GRAMMAR BRAINSTORM

Grammar Brainstorm focuses on the target grammar structure of the lesson, whatever it may be. Students imagine sentences, and discuss and correct them, which improves awareness and use of the target language. Note that some preparation is required on the teacher's part, namely he must find a picture from a magazine or prepare flashcards.

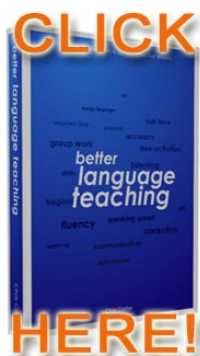
Step One: The teacher introduces the grammar point and goes through any drills or steps necessary for students to understand the form and meaning.

Step Two: Students get into pairs or small groups or three. Each group is handed a picture, such as from a magazine, a flashcard, or something that will generate sentences.

Step Three: In the pairs/groups, students have two minutes to write as many sentences on the picture as possible. Of course, the sentences must use the grammar point of the lesson. After two minutes, the teacher stops this step.

Step Four: Students present the sentences to their partners/groups. Others will listen and offer correction whenever necessary (but especially important for the key grammar point). Switch roles and repeat.

Step Five: This step is optional and assumes that each pair/group received a different picture. Students write on the back of the picture how many sentences they initially generated, then exchange the picture with another pair/group. Each group works to write more sentences.



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