

About this resource

Start lessons with an activity that focuses attention on the subject. Help learners make the transition from the previous lesson or break time to learning by starting the lesson with a subject themed focus activity.

If learners find focus, especially after break or lunch difficult, give them a '5 minutes of your time' pass to be used at the next break, that way they know you value what they have to say but can't attend to it at that moment in time.

Geography	Maths	English	Science
Take turns to name capital cities/rivers/countries going through the letters of the alphabet	Count to 20 in 2s/5s etc Count up in 3s, 4s etc	Using a given letter, name as many items in a category as you can e.g. books beginning with D	Ask students to select six words from a list of key words on the board to create a bingo grid. Read out the definitions to students. As they identify them, they tick off their bingo cards. The first student to get a full house wins.
History	RE	Music	MFL
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