



BALL TOSS

This activity is great for quickly assessing learners' speaking skills and understanding of unit vocabulary while keeping everyone active and engaged.

OBJECTIVE: to assess learners' speaking skills and reinforce previously practiced phrases and vocabulary

MATERIALS: A soft ball or bean bag

DESCRIPTION:

1. Tutor writes a question on the board and elicits a few possible answers from learners to check comprehension of the question.
2. Learners stand in a circle.
3. Give one learner the ball. He or she should answer the question on the board. (ex. On the board: What are you going to do after school? Learner says: I am going to buy some food.)
4. Tutor gestures for the learner to throw the ball to the tutor. Tutor repeats what the learner said. (He is going to buy some food.) and adds their own response to the question (I am going to play soccer in the park).
5. Tutor throws the ball to a different learner. He or she must repeat the tutor's response and then give their own response.
6. Continue the pattern until everyone has responded to the question. Remind learners to listen to every response carefully because they never know when they will be thrown the ball.