



Predict the next word

Focus

This activity will help your learners focus on the text you are reading to them while using their logic.

preparation

- Select a relevant factual text to read out to your class (linked to your learning objective).
- Make sure that you are familiar with the text, and select the key words that you would like your learners to guess within the text.

procedure

- Let your learners know that you are going to read a text about a particular topic, and that every time you pause, they will have to shout out the word that they think comes up next in the text.
- Start reading the text and pause at the first key word that you selected.
- Let learners call out the missing word before continuing reading; and have a short discussion about why the suggested words would make sense or not.
- Repeat with the rest of the words you selected.

example

‘Chimps live in groups of up to 100 members, but often decide to move from group to group. They experience a lot of different emotions such as joy, grief, fear, anger and curiosity. Their hands are very similar to [pause] **human** hands, which allows them to use tools and groom each other. They love to play tag, and fight. They exchange kisses and [pause] **hugs**, and communicate a lot through [pause] **sounds**.’ Etc...

