



Snipped information

Introducing new knowledge or recalling knowledge

This activity will help your learners use their logic to discover new facts: Instead of simply reading new information, your learners will have to think about this information and make sense of it.

preparation

- Select clear new information to introduce, as part of your learning objective.
- Make sure the new information is written in simple sentences, and that the sentences aren't too long.
- Write the sentences on big sheets of paper (one sentence per paper) and cut them up in half, at a place where it will be challenging enough for your learners.
- Make sure you have some way of sticking these chunks of sentences to the board and that they can be moved around.
- Alternatively, you could photocopy the sentences on regular A4 paper, cut them up and give them out to groups of three learners who would work at their desks.
- If using paper is not an option, you could write the 'cut up' sentences on the board, ahead of your lesson, in two different columns.
- You can make this as easy or difficult as you wish, by providing fewer or more cut up sentences at a time and deciding how many pieces to cut up for each sentence.

procedure

- Ask your learners to try and match up the sentences: ask one learner to come up to the board and link up one of the sentences.
- Repeat with another.
- However, ideally you would want all your learners to try and work out this puzzle at the same time. To do this, you could ask learners to pair up and work it all out before asking for answers from different pairs.

example

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1. Animal shelters should...

...to move around freely.

2. Animals need to be able...

...you will feel stressed and uncomfortable.

3. If you are not able to move freely ...

...to make sure animals have good shelters.

4. It is our responsibility...

...be kept clean and provide plenty of space.

Answers:

1. Animal shelters should be kept clean and provide plenty of space.
2. Animals need to be able to move around freely.
3. If you are not able to move freely you will feel stressed and uncomfortable.
4. It is our responsibility to make sure animals have good shelters.