

The sticky notes game

Learning objectives

- Language acquisition
- Cooperation

Number of participants

Irrelevant

Duration

45 minutes or more

Material

Sticky notes, pens

Description

The group forms duos or trios composed of persons with different mother languages. Each small group receives several sticky notes and have to look for objects in a given area (the seminar room or an outdoor space), whose names they want to learn. They write these names in the different languages on the papers and stick them on the object in question.

We often ask the groups to write down not only the correct spelling of the object's name, but also its phonetical transcription as the person hears it. The use of common phonetics isn't mandatory, as the idea here is that the participants can invent their own phonetical writing.

















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After 10 to 15 minutes of working in small groups, the participants form a circle and, one after the other, show the group an object which they have learned to name in a foreign language. The whole group goes together to see the chosen object.

Variants

It is possible to create a big poster to list the names of the objects in the represented languages and to add the individual phonetical transcriptions in order to encourage the learning process.













