

Internationalisms

Learning objectives

- Unblocking
- Language acquisition, identifying known foreign vocabulary
- Reinforcing the motivation to communicate
- Promoting the group dynamics by working in small groups
- Enabling a „revelation“ effect by provoking awareness of available vocabulary

Number of participants

Undetermined. During the activity: groups of 5 participants max.

Duration

45 minutes

Material

Big posters and enough coloured markers for group work

Description

The group is sitting or standing in a circle. The game leader divides the group in two or three. Participants must find identical words such as „taxi“ or similar words such as „démocratie / democracy / Demokratie / demokracja“ in the different languages. They write the words on a poster and learn how to pronounce them with the correct accent. Each group creates their own poster presenting all the words in the relevant languages and respecting the colour code.

In the end, each group presents their poster to the whole group by reading the words in both / all languages, and everyone repeats. Then, it is the next group's turn,



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etc. The internationalisms who have already been read out loud are not repeated. The group who has found the highest number of internationalisms wins. The posters are then hung around the seminar room and can be added to later.

Variants

- The groups can look for internationalisms in daily newspapers brought by the participants.
- The exercise can be implemented in groups of two or three.

Observations

Before the activity, plan how you will make the groups.

