

Learning Languages with Senior Learners

Unit 4, Activity 4.4, Ideas for Planning your own Activity

1. Play a Game

Play a game of memory with your senior learners, i.e. using an image of a tomato and the word tomato.



- You could simplify this game by using flashcards where you have the image of the tomato on one side and the word in the target language on the other.
- Or, you could ask participants to match the image of the tomato with the word (they need to select these from a number of cards)

2. Use Pictures

Then use pictures of places where the participants have been on holiday, or of items that link to this holiday abroad (ideally in a country where the language you are teaching is spoken).



3. Participants Label the Pictures/Objects

Get the participants to label the images/objects with pre-prepared stickers with words in the language you teach. These are the words they have come across in the game in the first step. As a more advanced way of working on this part of the activity, participants could write their own labels / produce another short recording in-between classes...



4. Ask Participants to Say Something About the Pictures

Then ask participants to take a picture of their labelled image and ask them to say a few phrases about the picture in the target language using the words from the labels. They should record themselves while speaking (of course they can practice first)

Very simple phrases such as:

- *This is in Italy. The house is white / I like the white house... / There is a white house...*

Or, you could simplify this by get them to say single words or two words together:

- *Italy. White house...*

5. Participants Share Some Memories

Then, get the participants to tell each other in English (or where suitable in the target language you are teaching) some memories of this holiday in that place and record these. They might even have a picture of this which they took themselves. Again, this could be recorded by recording the participants speaking and by taking a picture of their image, for example in the *Our Story App*.



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