

Activity Type

Matching and speaking activity, group work

Language Focus

Past and present passive
Facts and inventions

Aim

To identify past and present passive sentences about facts and inventions by correctly matching two parts of a sentence together.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each group of three and cut into cards as indicated. Also, keep one intact worksheet for yourself.

Level

Low intermediate

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this matching and speaking activity, students identify past and present passive sentences about facts and inventions.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three and give one set of cards to each group.

Tell the students to shuffle the cards and spread them out face up on the table.

Explain that the students have ten minutes to identify past and present passive sentences about facts and inventions by correctly matching two parts of a sentence together.

When the time limit has been reached, go through the answers with the class. The answers can be found on the uncut worksheet.

Next, tell the students to put the cards into two piles, one pile containing the first part of each sentence and the other pile containing the endings.

Ask the students to shuffle each pile of cards and spread them out face down on the table.

The students then take it in turns to turn over one card from each set. If the two cards go together, the student reads the sentence aloud, keeps the two cards and plays again.

If the two cards do not go together, the student reads the sentence aloud, but turns it into a negative statement, e.g. 'Toothpaste wasn't invented in Indonesia'.

The student then turns the two cards back over and it's the next person's turn.

The students continue in this way until all the cards have been matched.

The student with the most cards at the end of the activity is the winner.

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Passive Voice Fact Finder



The Whoopee cushion was invented	by a 14-year old Roman Emperor.
Chinese food is eaten by	two billion people every day.
The pencil was invented	by Conrad Gessner in Switzerland.
The Tokyo subway is used	by nine million people every day.
The first underground railway was opened	in London in 1863.
742 languages are spoken	in Indonesia.
The first modern Olympic Games were held	in 1896.
70% of the Earth is covered	by water.
Mirrors were invented	by the Egyptians.
Almost a quarter of the land area of Los Angeles is taken up	by automobiles.
The first computer was made	in the early 19th century.
Each day over 10 million barrels of oil are produced	in Saudi Arabia.
The Ferrari was designed	by Sergio Pininfarina.
More gold is mined in China than	in South Africa.
Paper was invented	in China nearly 2000 years ago.
The rubber tyre was invented	by John Dunlop in 1888.
Pasta and ice cream were first made	in China.
14% of the Earth's surface is covered	by rain forest.
Toothpaste was invented	by the Romans in 960.