

8C Phonetics guessing

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Type of activity

Vocabulary and pronunciation. Group work.

Aim

To practise the recognition of sounds and phonetic symbols.

Task

Vocabulary guessing.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each group.

Timing

40–50 minutes

Procedure

- 1 Divide the students into groups of four to six.
- 2 Give one copy of the worksheet to each group. Tell students they will also need dice or a coin. Distribute counters if available.
- 3 Explain that each box has the definition of a word that they must guess. This word contains the sound that appears in brackets.
- 4 The first player flips a coin. If it is heads, the player moves one square, if it is tails, they move two squares.
If players guess a word correctly, they stay on that square. If they are wrong, they go back to the previous square.
When a player lands on a square which has previously been guessed, they must think of another word with the same sound.
- 5 Circulate, checking that students have given a correct answer.

Key

- 1 i: TEAM
- 2 æ CAPITAL
- 3 ɔ: WALL
- 4 i: PLEASED
- 5 ɑ: FATHER/AUNT
- 6 ɔ: (SURF)BOARD
- 7 e MESSAGE
- 8 ɑ: PARTNER
- 9 u: SCHOOL
- 10 ɪ BUSY
- 11 ʌ MONTH
- 12 u: TRUE
- 13 ɪ LIFT
- 14 ʌ COME
- 15 u: HOOLIGANS
- 16 e FRIEND
- 17 ʌ UNCLE
- 18 ʊ WOULD
- 19 e HEAVY
- 20 ʌ JUMP
- 21 ʊ CHILDHOOD
- 22 e SWEEP
- 23 ɒ COFFEE
- 24 ɜ: WORDS
- 25 e HEADLINES
- 26 ɒ JOB
- 27 ɜ: CHURCH
- 28 æ MARRY
- 29 ɔ: AUXILIARY
- 30 ɜ: CHURCH

Follow up

Students write the words they have guessed and group them according to the vowel sounds they have in common.

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Start

1 A group of people who play together against another group. i:	2 Main city of a country. æ	3 Between the ceiling and the floor. ɔ:	4 You feel like this when you have done something very well. i:	5 A relative. ɑ:
6 You need one to practise surfing. ɔ:	7 You leave one on someone's answering machine. e	8 Someone who works with you in class. ɑ:	9 You spent much of your time here when you were a boy/girl. u:	10 You are like this when you have a lot of work and you don't have time to do anything else. ɪ
11 Part of the year. ʌ	12 It is not false. u:	13 You ask for one when you don't have a car and you don't feel like walking. ɪ	14 Opposite of 'go'. ʌ	15 They behave in a violent way, especially at football matches. u:
16 Someone – not a relative – who you like and spend much of your time with. e	17 Your mother's brother. ʌ	18 A modal verb you use for invitations. ʊ	19 Not very light. e	20 You have to do this if you want to practise skydiving. ʌ
21 The period of your life that comes before adolescence. ʊ	22 Past tense of 'sweep'. e	23 You can have it black or white. ɒ	24 You cannot speak without saying them. ɜ:	25 Some people only read these in a newspaper. e
26 You must get one if you want to earn your living. ɒ	27 People go there to pray. ɜ:	28 Many couples do this. æ	29 Verb that goes with another verb and shows tense or voice, or is used to make questions. ɔ:	30 Some people go there on Sunday. ɜ:

Finish