

Passive Voice – grass skirt competition

Preparation

- Copy the worksheet onto different coloured paper , one per team of 3-4 students. Cut under each sentence from right to left leaving the left edge of the paper uncut.
- Stick the worksheets to the wall in different places of your classroom so that students in each group have a similar distance to their papers.

Procedure

- Split your students into teams of 3-4.
Each team must nominate one student who is **the Runner** – this student’s task will be to run to the paper, tear off one sentence and bring it to his or her group. Once all the teams have their runners, explain the rules of the competition:
 1. All the teams start the competition when the teacher says **‘Go!’** – the Runners go to their worksheets, tear off one sentence and bring it to their teams.
 2. In groups students read their sentence and convert it into a passive voice sentence. After they have finished, they raise their hands to indicate they are ready and wait for the teacher.
 3. The teacher monitors the work and comes to the group which first raise their hands and then checks if they have changed the sentence correctly. If they have done it the right way, the teacher says **‘Go!’** and the Runner runs to the paper again and brings a new sentence. If they haven’t done it correctly, the teacher says **‘Not yet!’** which means that the sentence is not correct yet and they must try again.
 4. The winning team is the one which has converted all the sentences first.
- After there has been the winning team, it is a good idea to encourage the remaining groups to continue the competition for second and third places.