

# Speaking and Vocabulary Games for the EFL Classroom

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# Last Man Standing or Survivor

- ▶ Choose a theme or topic
- ▶ Have students write as many relevant items as they can think of within a time limit
- ▶ Take turns with students saying one of their items
- ▶ Everyone who also has that item must cross it off his/her list
- ▶ The last student who has remaining items wins

# Hotseat or Back to the Wall

- ▶ Make two teams; put two chairs in front of the chalkboard, but facing away from it
- ▶ Have one student from each team sit in the chair
- ▶ Write a vocabulary word for review on the board. The seated students must not look.
- ▶ Have teammates give clues to the student in the chair.
- ▶ The first student to guess the word gets a point for her/his team

# Twenty Questions

- ▶ Specifically for reviewing yes/no question structure
- ▶ Choose a category; tell students you are thinking of something in it
- ▶ Students take turns answering yes/no questions
- ▶ The limit is 20 total questions
- ▶ BUT: if the yes/no question grammar is not correct, don't answer the question
- ▶ Who wins? Students if they guess in less than 20 questions; Teacher if not

# Voiceover

- ▶ Choose a commercial or film/TV program segment that does not have characters conversing
- ▶ Show it to the students without the sound; have students think about the vocabulary they will need to describe what is happening in the AV
- ▶ Play the AV again without the sound; have a student narrate what is happening
- ▶ Play the AV again with the sound
- ▶ Teaching points: vocabulary; verb tenses (simple present)

# That's a wrap! or Oscar Night

- ▶ Choose a TV/film scene that features characters talking
- ▶ Divide students into pairs/groups according to the number of characters in the film conversation
- ▶ Play the scene for students without the sound
- ▶ Have students create a dialogue that corresponds to the film conversation
- ▶ Have students act out the dialogue for the class while the film is playing without sound
- ▶ Play the film scene with sound
- ▶ Extras for fun: do costumes; award Oscars for Best Actress, etc.