

Internationalisms

Stepping Stones	: Teambuilding & Empowerment
Materials	: incl. materials
Type of exercise	: oral
Duration exercise	: 30 min.

Objectives

The learner can consolidate new vocabulary.

Materials

- Paper and pens
- Newspapers, magazines

Instructions

- Divide the group into pairs.
- Explain the term 'internationalisms': an internationalism or international word is a loanword that occurs in several languages, with the same or at least similar meaning and etymology. The advantage of internationalisms is that they are words already known by the learners.
- Give and ask for examples: OK, ball, coach, tennis, halal, yoga, transport, tsunami, hotel, radio, police, smartphone...
- Ask each pair to find internationalisms, in a newspaper, magazine, on signs or posters in the room, on packages, bottles...
- Discuss the internationalisms together.

Variant

Make the exercise competitive: the pair who comes up with the most words, wins.

Tips for the instructor

For advanced learners: internationalisms are a good introduction to analyze affixes (prefixes and suffixes), e.g. 'tele' means 'far'; 're' indicates repetition, 'anti' means 'against'...

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Language skills / Linguistic performance

Reading

Linguistic competence/knowledge

Vocabulary

Social-emotional skills and competences

Empowerment

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