

ESL Warmer: Strange Uses

Aim: To Brainstorm alternative uses for objects

Learn Objective: Practice speaking, vocabulary and problem solving in English.

Materials Needed: A pen and piece of paper for each group

Method:

1. Put students into pairs or groups of three.
2. Explain to students that you are going to show them an everyday object. In their teams, students need to think of as many different uses as possible for the object other than its intended use.
3. You will find a list of objects in the description below.
4. Give the teams a fixed amount of time to write their ideas.
5. After the time, students share their ideas. Award points for the most creative ideas.

Get your students to give you alternative uses for the following objects:

- Ping Pong Ball
- A Plank of Wood
- A Paperclip
- A Pencil
- A Brick
- A Brush
- A Carrot
- An Empty Milk Container
- A Beach Ball
- A Match
- A Fork
- A Screwdriver
- A Coat Hanger
- A Car Tyre
- A Shoe
- A Newspaper
- A Button
- A Key