

Classroom language determiners review (for classroom or teacher training use)

Write word in each gap	"a" goes before a consonant and "" goes before a vowel sound	Check your answers with answer key	Do we havehomework this weekend?
Can I have copy of the worksheet from yesterday?	You need adverb, not adjective	Read tapescript and check your answers	Do you need more information about the test?
For homework, please write postcard to a friend.	How do you makeadverb from adjective?	What's first letter?	Is there homework for tonight?
Can I have hint/ clue?	Put article into each gap.	Look at the sentence in middle of board.	Did you have questions about the last homework?
Take card from the pack	We use "a" or "" when we mean one of many things	What's comparative form of "beautiful"?	Are there words you don't understand?
Now we're going to play game.	"Cheese" is uncountable noun, so we can't use "there are" or "s" with it	This sentence is Present Simple tense	Do you have questions?
Ask Jane Yes/ No question.	Does anyone have electronic dictionary I can borrow?	Have you all copied it down? Can I erase board?	Do you need more paper?



"Going to" is used when you talk about plan	Can anyone lend Juan eraser?	You needing form of the verb.	Does anyone have scissors?
"Will" is used if you want to talk about prediction	I recommend you use a pencil or automatic pencil, not a pen	"I would like" is followed by infinitive with "to"	Do you need more time?
Bad news, I'm afraid. We will have test on Friday next week.	"Buy" is irregular verb	Spread cards across table	Do you have spare leads for an automatic pencil?
Ask me question about my weekend.	We use Present Continuous for arrangement, for example appointment	Take card at top of pack	There isn't homework this week.
I have question about the grammar	I can't understand people with American accent	What is past participle of "fly"?	Why don't we do writing in class?
There is mistake in the second line.	Is "friendly" adjective or adverb?	Throwdice	There isn't space to write your answers in the textbook.
Is "fly" noun or verb?	There is error at the end of the email.	Make a question from word in the next square	Do of the words here have four syllables?



Teacher's/ Trainer's notes

Cut up one pack of cards per group of two to four people (if there are too many cards, for example if that will make the games or explanation too long, just cut off a few rows from the bottom and throw them away). There are three games you can play with it, with the first being a good preparation for one of the other two and the third being the most challenging and fun:

- 1. Classification race- Teams race to put all the cards into the correct column by whether A, AN, THE or ANY goes in the gap. If they need help, tell them that each column should have an equal number of words, then tell them how many mistakes they have made in each column. When one team has finished or they have all run out of time, give them a photocopied version of the worksheet to check their answers.
- **2- Pelmanism-** The players spread the cards across the table face down and try to pick two which have the same word missing, putting them back in the same place if they are wrong.
- **3- Snap-** One person in each group deals out the cards face down. Without looking at them first, players take it in turns to turn over the cards and place them face up on alternate packs on the table. The first person to shout "Snap!" when two cards which match come up can take all the cards that are face up on the table, but anyone who shouts "Snap!" when the cards don't match has to give two cards to each of the other players as a punishment. The player with the most cards at the end of the game is the winner.

Further language analysis and practice

Ask them to divide the cards into ones usually said by the teacher and ones usually said by the students, then ask them to improvise short dialogues using some of those phrases.

In teacher training sessions, ask trainees to practice explaining the games you played before to each other. The works even better if different groups played different games and so the person listening really doesn't know the game being explained to them, but to do that you will have had to give them written instructions, take them into different rooms to explain the games, or take people outside the classrooms to explain the games and have them explain to their teams when they get back in.

Note

It is virtually impossible to make this many sentences where only one article is possible, so allow other possible answers but ask them to think about which of the possible sentences is most common in classroom interactions.