



Matching activities

Matching activities are much more fun and more effective than grammar exercises because they involve the pupils in discussing the best fit. On the following pages are examples of matching grammar activities to embed understanding once classes have been taught the features referred to. Provide each pair of pupils with a set of cards to match.

Ask the pupils to:

- Match each term to the highlighted part of the sentence that illustrates it **so there is one example for each term;**
- Decide how they would use the example to explain what the term means and to see if they can come up with one more example for each term;
- Practise being the visiting grammar professor who will explain it all clearly to the class.

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Matching activities (basic grammar)

imperative	Feed the parrot.
verb	The parrot ate happily.
present tense	The parrot eats happily.
past tense	The parrot ate happily.
adjective	She fed the happy parrot.
adverb	The parrot ate happily .
sentence	The parrot ate happily.
phrase	the happy parrot
prefix	the un happy parrot
suffix	The parrot ate happily ly .
conjunction	The parrot ate and drank.
preposition	The parrot sat in its cage.
determiner	The parrot ate happily.
pronoun	It ate happily.
clause	Having eaten, the parrot snoozed.
singular	She saw the parrot .
plural	She saw the parrots .

Matching activities (advanced)

possessive pronoun	Is that his ?
modal verb	I think I can explain what happened to the purse.
adverbial	The purse had fallen under the table .
relative clause	She didn't know which place to search in .
passive voice	The purse was missing from the table.
subordinate clause	When the missing purse was found , the teacher looked up.
ambiguity	She asked Sarah if she had seen the purse and then she asked Jo but she said she hadn't and she said she had and suddenly she left.
object	A boy saw the purse .
subject	A boy saw the purse.
cohesion	The teacher was uncertain what to do: this boy was always claiming to have lost things that turned out not to be lost but this time it might be true. She decided to ask the class.
relative pronoun	She didn't know which place to search in.
active voice	The child lost her purse.
subjunctive	Were a child to lose their purse, an investigation would be necessary.