

Teacher's Notes

Level	Pre Int +
Age	Any
Skill	Grammar – Relative Clauses
Time	90+ minutes

OVERVIEW

Call my Bluff is a well known TEFL activity. It can either be used as a fun game at the end of course or as a way of practising relative clauses. Students try and guess the correct definition of an unknown word from a choice of three possibilities. In this version of the game, students first write one of the false definitions of the word before trying to trick other students. The staging of the activity helps lower level students play the game.

Stage One *MODEL THE ACTIVITY*

Model the activity for students. Write a word on the board that students won't know. Then give three alternate definitions for the word, two false and one true. Ask students to guess which is the correct definition.

Stage Two *COOPERATIVE WRITING*

Put students into groups of three. Give each group a worksheet with two new items of vocabulary on. The worksheets have the correct definition, a false definition and space for them to write another false definition. Give students time to look up the words in the dictionary and find the correct definition. Students must then write another false definition. Monitor and make sure the language they are using is appropriate for the level and that they are not copying directly from the Internet or a dictionary.

Stage Three *PROCESS LANGUAGE*

Write some process language on the board to help students play the game. Students often need to hear the definitions two or three times. Useful phrases includes sentences like:

- *Can you say that again?*
- *How do you spell that?*
- *Can you give me an example sentence?*

Drill the sentences so that students are comfortable using them.

Stage Four *PLAYING THE GAME*

Reorganise the students so students with different words are sitting together. Students take it in turns to read their words and definitions and the other students must guess the correct option. If they want, students can have a scoring system. One point for every word they guess correctly and one point every time they trick a student into guessing the wrong definition.