

Intro C Linked events

Activity type: Speaking – Game – Groups

Aim: To practise basic linking words for giving reasons and explaining

Language: *need (to) / want (to)* / Linking words – Use any time after Coursebook p9.

Preparation: Make one copy of the sentence beginnings and link cards for each group of three to five learners. Cut up cards along the dotted lines.

Time: 15–20 minutes

- 1 To demonstrate the activity, choose one of the sentence beginnings and write it on the board. Continue the sentence so that it could plausibly be true for you. For example, you might draw *I need to buy ...*, and continue it by saying *... a new computer*. Then draw a link card and continue speaking, using that word. For example, you might draw a link card with *and*. Your continuation might then be as follows: *and I already know the kind I want*.
- 2 Divide learners into groups of three to five and give each group a set of sentence beginnings and link cards, both face down. Tell learners before they begin that they can say things which are true or invented (but, if invented, should sound plausibly true for them).
- 3 Give them a time limit for the activity. One learner picks up a sentence beginning and continues the sentence with information which is true for him/her. The same learner then draws a link card and continues what he/she is saying, using the link word on that card.
- 4 Once the learner has continued the sentence using the link cards, he/she keeps that card. A second learner now picks up another link card and tries to continue the sentence from the point at which the first learner finished.
- 5 Learners continue taking turns until a learner is unable to finish the sequence or until all the link cards have been used. This is the end of a round. The last learner to successfully continue the sequence then draws a new sentence beginning, and the procedure is repeated. (The link cards should all be placed face down on the table again.)
- 6 At the end of each round, the learner with the most link cards is the winner of that round.

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Sentence beginnings

I need to learn English ...
I'm really interested in ...
I'd really like to ...
I want to ...
This week, I need to ...
My mother/father is a ...
I don't want to ...
I need to buy ...
I work as a(n) ...
I live with ...

Link cards

and	so	but
then	and	but
because	because	so
then	because	so