

## Language Warm-up Games

These games are designed to get students thinking in a way that both follows English sentence structures and also gets their imaginations flowing at the beginning of class.

### 1 Sentence Building – Young Learners

- i Students sit in a circle.
- ii Teacher gives first student the word MONKEYS, the second student the word LIKE, the third student the word BANANAS.
- iii Now each student says their word so that together they make a sentence: MONKEYS LIKE BANANAS.
- iv Now ask if anyone can remember the phrase. Help and congratulate.

#### Variations

- Include noises and effects instead of always being words that they say.
- Make the sentences longer using AND and BUT.
- Encourage creativity by asking each student to think of their own word. Help them.

### 2 Sentence Building – More Advanced

- i As above in Game 1.
- ii A student thinks of a word to start a sentence.
- iii The next student must add a word that makes sense.
- iv Students keep adding words until the phrase reaches its natural end.
- v Ask if anyone can remember the complete phrase. Encourage and congratulate.

#### Variations

- Decide on a very tense so students can practise the third person S or irregular verbs.
- You can extend the sentences with AND and BUT to make up little stories.

### 3 Storytelling

Students sit in a circle and take turns saying sentences in order to make up a story.  
At the end, ask for a volunteer to retell the story.

### 4 Word Association

Students sit in a circle.  
Teacher says CLOUD.  
Next student has to say a word directly related to CLOUD such as RAIN and so on.