

Passives Xmas traditions bluff

Teacher's instructions

1. *Talk about Christmas traditions that the students know from various countries and draw and write important vocab on the board- might need reindeer, decorations and other vocab from below depending on level and L1*
2. *After you tell them some surprising info (either something that will come up on the worksheets later or something else) ask them to guess if it's true or false.*
3. *Divide the class into teams of two to four students, making sure there are an equal number of team As and team Bs in the class (e.g. with 13 students, 2 Team As of 3 students each and 2 Team Bs of 3 students and 4 students).*
4. *Give out the relevant worksheets and ask the teams of students to discuss and guess how many are true and how many are false on the sheet they are given.*
5. *Tell them that all of them are true, but that you want them to make them false by changing just one piece of information in each sentence, e.g. 'poinsettias.... blue flowers...'.*
6. *Either with teams matched up against one another or with all the team Bs guessing the questions from each team A etc, teams have to guess which info the other team has made wrong in each sentence for one point (e.g. Poinsettias aren't blue) and try to guess the right info for 4 more points (e.g. they are red).*
7. *Do the grammar worksheets.*
8. *As an extension, students can make their own bluff questions about Xmas or other traditions, e.g. testing their teacher on traditions in the students' country or region.*