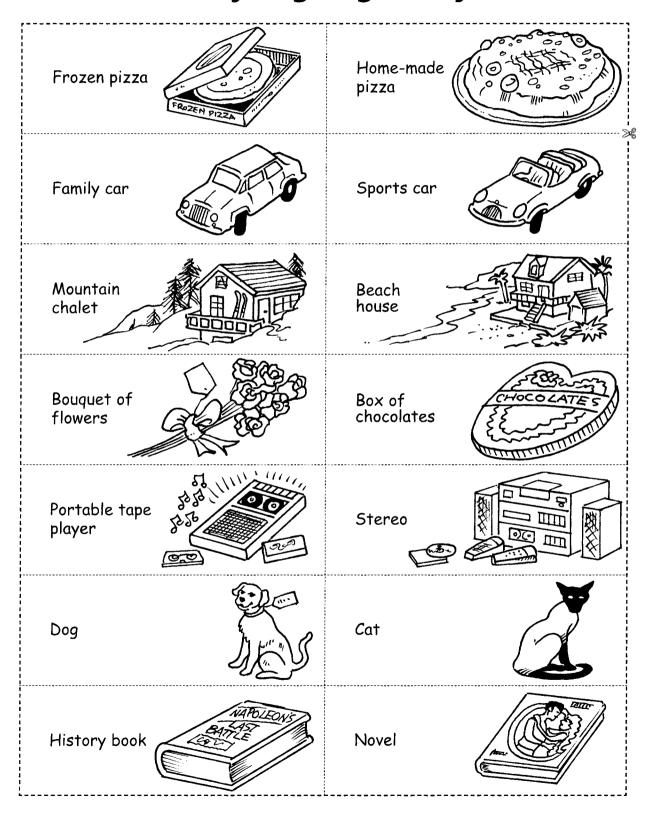




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Interaction

Pair work Whole class

Aim

To practice comparing different items.

Time

20-25 minutes

Skills

Speaking

Grammar and functions

Comparatives
Convincing someone of the superiority of a product
Giving reasons

Vocabulary

General

Preparation

Photocopy and cut apart the cue cards. Make sure you have one set (pizza-pizza, car-car) for each pair in the class. If there are more than 14 students in the class, make extra copies, so each extra pair has a matching set of cards. With fewer than 14 students, remove the appropriate number of matching pairs.

Procedure

- 1 Prepare the students for the activity. Pretend that you're planning your vacation for next month and that you are unsure where to go. Describe the two options, e.g. going camping with a group of friends or going on a package tour to a foreign country. Ask students to help you make a decision. Why is one better than the other? What advantages and disadvantages are there?
- 2 Ask students to form pairs. Give each pair of students a pair of cards and ask each student in the pair to choose one of the two cards.
- 3 Explain the task for the first part of the activity.
 - Students should prepare arguments to convince others about their product, e.g. the student with the homemade pizza should prepare an argument to convince the class that homemade pizza is better than frozen pizza. The student with the frozen pizza should prepare an argument that frozen pizza is better than homemade pizza.
 - Set a time limit of five minutes for this part of the activity.
- 4 Ask students to start and move around the class giving help as needed.
- 5 When everyone is ready, invite pairs to go to the front of the class and "sell" their products. The rest of the class should listen carefully to the students' arguments and vote for the better product from each pair. Which student was more convincing?

Option

Ask students to work in pairs and write an advertisement for a product so that they can compare their advertisement with that of another pair. Be sure to give out matching pairs of products to the different pairs, e.g. there should be a pair working on a frozen pizza advertisement if there's a pair working on the homemade pizza advertisement. Display the advertisements and vote for the best.