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# Grab and Go

with Anna Fresen and Laurence Wood



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## Session Aims

By the end of this session you will have seen a selection of ready to use activities for teen lessons that are:

- Low-preparation
- Engaging
- Challenging
- Adaptable



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## The Artist

- Find a partner!
- Decide who will be A or B (has paper and a pen)
- A's: Look at the screen and describe to your partner what you see.
- B's: Don't look at the screen. Listen to your partner and draw what they describe.



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Link to the picture for The Artist



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What do you think happens in the story?



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# The Artist

**Description:** learners draw what they hear

**Rationale:**

- Drawing to enhance memory
- Diffuse thinking
- Making abstract concepts more concrete
- Making learning visible for teachers

• **Variations:**

- Drawing abstract vocabulary
- Practice prepositions of place
- Draw a story



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# Prediction

**Description:** Before listening to (or reading) a text, learners predict what they will hear.

**Rationale:**

- Increase engagement
- Give learners a reason to listen
- Active prior knowledge
- Enhance comprehension

**•Variations:**

- Predict from title
- Predict from a word cloud
- Predict language as well as context





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**Description:** learners make notes while listening and then reconstruct the text

### **Rationale:**

- Develops listening and note-taking skills
- Promotes collaborative learning
- Encourages grammatical awareness
- Integrates skills

### **•Variations:**

- Jigsaw Dictogloss
- Personalised Dictogloss
- Dictogloss with Sentence Stems



# Strip Bingo

**Description:** learners write down the words or phrases from the prepared list on their strips, filling each section with a different word or phrase. The teacher reads the words, phrases, or sentences aloud randomly. When a student hears a word or phrase that matches one on their strip, they tear off that section.

## Rationale:

- Active Listening
- Engagement

## •Variations:

- Question Strip Bingo
- Translation Strip Bingo
- Synonym or Antonym Strip Bingo



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# Thank you 😊