

Power and Glory

These activities are meant to support the learning of verbs and verb tenses. The text was taken from 'Power and Glory' by Emily Rodda (ISBN 1-86373-677-8) and the words used in the bingo game reflect this. Of course other words could be substituted as appropriate.

There are two activities using the cloze procedure. The first (see sheet1) can be used for a beginning activity around work on verbs. The second (see sheet 2) is useful as a follow-up to the bingo game, which introduces the past tense.

Verb Bingo Game

Instructions

Print the word pages onto card. The first 3 pages (present tense) are the playing boards. The last 3 pages (past tense) should be cut up into individual cards.

3 individuals or 3 teams of two can play. Each individual / team has one board. The word cards can all be placed face down in front of the players, (who take turns to take a card) or in a pile so that one player (in turn) calls out the word on the card. If the word called out or turned over is the past tense of a word on their board, the player may take the card.

The first player / team to cover all the words on the board is the winner.

climb

ring

swim

jump

charge

fall

fight

grab

leap

solve

search

swing

walk

find

catch

die

run

swoop

climbed

rang

swam

jumped

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Sheet1

Power and Glory

I _____ the path. I _____ the wall. I
_____ the stream. I search the cave. I
_____ the witch. I zap the witch. I
_____ the cliff. I _____ the pit. The
goblins charge. The goblins _____. I
_____ the rope. I _____ the bell. The
vulture _____. The vulture dies. I
_____ to land. I solve the maze. I face
the beast. I blast the beast. I _____ the
fire. I _____ the gold. The ogre comes ...

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Sheet 2

Verbs

Find the verb in the first sentence. Write this verb in the past tense in the blank space.

1. I walk along the path. Yesterday, I _____ along the path.
2. I climb the wall. Yesterday, I _____ the wall.
3. I swim the stream. Yesterday, I _____ the stream.
4. I fight the witch. Yesterday, I _____ the witch.
5. I catch the rope. Yesterday, I _____ the rope.
6. I ring the bell. Yesterday, I _____ the bell.
7. I face the beast. Yesterday, I _____ the beast.

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