



THINGS IN THIS ROOM

Learners explore their classroom

Level:	Elementary - Intermediate
Target Audience:	Secondary, Adults
Language / Skills Focus:	Vocabulary
Activity Time:	20 minutes
Materials:	A copy of the worksheet cut into individual group tasks

IN CLASS

- 1 Put learners into groups of three or four, and give each group a different task sheet. Tell them not to show this to other groups or even let other groups hear them say what is on their task sheet.
- 2 Explain that each group should move around and explore the classroom and make a list of as many things as possible which match the different categories on their task sheet. For example, things in the classroom which are rectangular might include the board, folders, table tops, books, the radiator, etc.
- 3 Tell the class that they should use you as a resource and ask you for help with vocabulary.
- 4 Set a time limit of 10 minutes and begin the activity.
- 5 Stop the activity at the end of the time limit and ask one group to read out one of the lists from their task sheet (e.g. things that are triangular). As they read the list, other class members should touch the named objects. Also you should write each vocabulary item on the board when it has been correctly identified.
- 6 Repeat this procedure with a different group and one of their lists. Continue this procedure until all the groups have challenged the class with all their other lists.
- 7 Finally, ask all your learners to make a note of any new vocabulary from the lists on the board.

COMMENT

This activity is best used at the beginning of a new course when learners are still unfamiliar with their classroom. It gives them the opportunity to closely examine their classroom, freely moving around and familiarising themselves both with their working environment and the vocabulary found within this workspace.

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Find things in this room that:

- are triangular
- are longer than 1 metre
- have words on them
- are as light as a pencil

Find things in this room that:

- are circular
- are smooth
- need cleaning
- are made of wood

Find things in this room that:

- have corners
- are rectangular
- are made of plastic
- are smaller than a CD

Find things in this room that:

- help you to learn English
- are square-shaped
- you can sit on
- are made of metal