

63 ESL Holiday Games and Activities to Brighten Up Your Classroom

The holiday season is a time for joy, celebration, and family. It's also a great time to learn! With these 63 ESL holiday games and activities, you can keep your students engaged and entertained while they improve their English skills.

Christmas ESL Games and Activities

1. **Christmas Carol Competition:** Divide your students into teams and have them compete to see who can sing the most Christmas carols. You can award points for accuracy, creativity, and enthusiasm.
2. **Christmas Vocabulary Charades:** Write down a list of Christmas-related words and phrases, and have your students take turns acting them out while their classmates guess.
3. **Christmas Bingo:** Create a bingo card with Christmas-related words and phrases, and have your students listen for them in a Christmas story or song. When they hear a word or phrase, they can mark it off on their bingo card.
4. **Christmas Pictionary:** Write down a list of Christmas-related words and phrases, and have your students take turns drawing them on a whiteboard or piece of paper while their classmates guess.
5. **Christmas Trivia:** Test your students' knowledge of Christmas with a trivia quiz. You can ask questions about Christmas traditions, history, and popular culture.

Thanksgiving ESL Games and Activities

1. **Thanksgiving Charades:** Write down a list of Thanksgiving-related words and phrases, and have your students take turns acting them out while their classmates guess.
2. **Thanksgiving Bingo:** Create a bingo card with Thanksgiving-related words and phrases, and have your students listen for them in a Thanksgiving story or song. When they hear a word or phrase, they can mark it off on their bingo card.
3. **Thanksgiving Pictionary:** Write down a list of Thanksgiving-related words and phrases, and have your students take turns drawing them on a whiteboard or piece of paper while their classmates guess.
4. **Thanksgiving Trivia:** Test your students' knowledge of Thanksgiving with a trivia quiz. You can ask questions about Thanksgiving history, traditions, and food.
5. **Thanksgiving Feast:** Have your students work together to plan and prepare a Thanksgiving feast. They can research recipes, cook the food, and set the table.

Halloween ESL Games and Activities

1. **Halloween Charades:** Write down a list of Halloween-related words and phrases, and have your students take turns acting them out while their classmates guess.
2. **Halloween Bingo:** Create a bingo card with Halloween-related words and phrases, and have your students listen for them in a Halloween story or song. When they hear a word or phrase, they can mark it off on their bingo card.

3. **Halloween Pictionary:** Write down a list of Halloween-related words and phrases, and have your students take turns drawing them on a whiteboard or piece of paper while their classmates guess.
4. **Halloween Trivia:** Test your students' knowledge of Halloween with a trivia quiz. You can ask questions about Halloween history, traditions, and popular culture.
5. **Halloween Costume Contest:** Have your students dress up in Halloween costumes and have a costume contest. You can award prizes for the most creative, funniest, and scariest costumes.

New Year's ESL Games and Activities

1. **New Year's Resolutions:** Have your students write down their New Year's resolutions in English. They can share their resolutions with the class and discuss why they chose them.
2. **New Year's Bingo:** Create a bingo card with New Year's-related words and phrases, and have your students listen for them in a New Year's song or story. When they hear a word or phrase, they can mark it off on their bingo card.
3. **New Year's Pictionary:** Write down a list of New Year's-related words and phrases, and have your students take turns drawing them on a whiteboard or piece of paper while their classmates guess.
4. **New Year's Trivia:** Test your students' knowledge of New Year's with a trivia quiz. You can ask questions about New Year's traditions, history, and popular culture.
5. **New Year's Eve Party:** Have your students help you plan and host a New Year's Eve party. They can decorate the classroom, make food

and drinks, and play games.

Other Holiday ESL Games and Activities

1. **Holiday Scavenger Hunt:** Hide holiday-related objects around the classroom and have your students search for them. The first student to find all of the objects wins.
2. **Holiday Story Time:** Read a holiday story to your students and have them retell the story in their own words. You can also ask them questions about the story to check their comprehension.
3. **Holiday Crafts:** Have your students make holiday crafts, such as Christmas ornaments, Thanksgiving turkeys, or Halloween masks. They can use their creativity and imagination to make their own unique creations.
4. **Holiday Songs:** Teach your students holiday songs in English. They can sing the songs together as a class or in small groups.
5. **Holiday Movies:** Watch a holiday movie with your students and have them discuss the movie afterwards. They can talk about the plot, the characters, and the themes of the movie.

These are just a few of the many ESL holiday games and activities that you can use in your classroom. With these fun and educational activities, you can help your students learn English while they celebrate the holidays.

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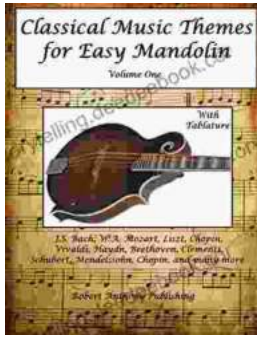


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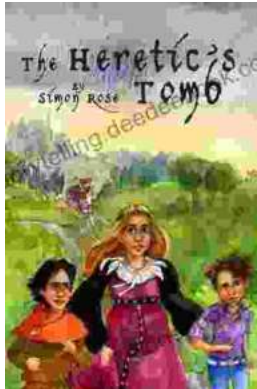
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