



Spanish for You!

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Compare/Contrast Activity

Number of Players: one or more.

Materials Needed: vocabulary picture cards

Instructions:

- Give each student or pair of students a set of vocabulary picture cards.
- Write on the board a comparison question with categories, like:
 - ¿Es grande o pequeño/a? = Is it big or small?
- Write on the board an example answer, like:
 - La casa es grande. = The house is big.
- Students should put their picture cards in a pile face down.
- They should turn two cards over at a time and say the sentence that indicates what group each picture belongs in and place them there.

Examples:

- La casa es grande. = The house is big.
- El carro es grande. = The car is big.
- OR
- La casa es grande. = The house is big.
- La flor es pequeña. = The flower is small.
- If students are working in pairs, have them alternate picking up cards. The person who does not pick up a card will ask the question, and the other person will answer and place the card in its category.
- Be sure they are always talking about two cards at a time to see how they compare or contrast.
- When they are done, have them recap the items by talking about the items in their categories. Example: La casa es grande. El carro es grande. El árbol es grande. La flor es pequeña. El libro es pequeño. El pez es pequeño.

Variation:

You can do this as a class together. Give each student a picture card. Call out two picture cards and ask the question about each. The rest of the students answer, and the students with the cards move to stand in their category.