

Level: First Year Junior High School

Class Size: 40 students

Time: 1 session

Textbook: New Horizon 1, Unit 4

Objectives: To have students ask and answer, “What’s this?”.

Activity:

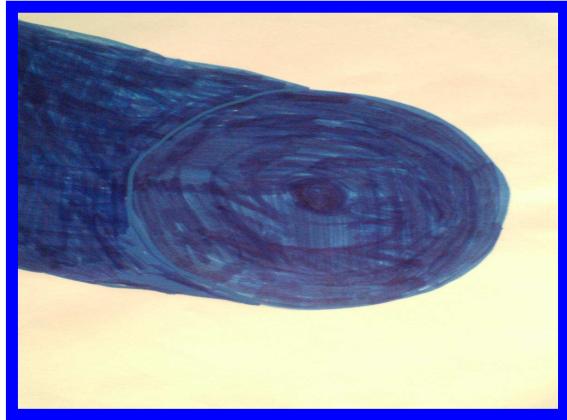
What’ this?

The students draw three pictures. After that, they pair up with each other and ask “What’s this?” If the student answers correctly, they must give one of their cards to the other player. If the student answers incorrectly, the card is kept. The objective of the game is to collect as many cards as they can from as many people as possible within a specified time period. The students who have lost all their possible cards can sit down.

What Happened?

Most of the students produced interesting pictures. They enjoyed guessing each other’s pictures. However, the main objective of the activity was forfeited since they did not use the target sentence. They just showed their pictures to their classmates and let them guess what it is in Japanese. Further, some students made inappropriate pictures. The JTE and I just discovered it when the game was over. Because of this, the JTE and I decided to revise the plan to make it more effective. Below is the revised plan.

Students make a group of four. Each group draws two pictures. They then go to the front and ask their classmates to guess it by asking “What’s this?”. They say “That’s right” if their classmate’s answer is correct and “No, it’s not” if it is wrong. Below are some examples the students’ made.



It's a chalk.



It's a hamburger.



It's nori.



It's an umbrella.

Indeed this kind of procedure was better. The JTEs and I also had the chance to assess if the students really understand the lesson or not. On the other hand, some students got tired with the process.

Learning:

Creating fun atmosphere in the class can help student overcome their shyness.