



Beware the Tornado!

	1	2	3	4	Teams
A	eat ⁵		✓		1 2 3 4 5
B				✓	5 5 10 10 15
C	✓		✓		
D	✓				

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A	eat ⁵	run ¹⁰	buy ¹⁵	☯
B	fly ¹⁰	☯	drink ⁵	have ¹⁰
C	read ⁵	light ²⁰	ride ¹⁰	catch ¹⁵
D	see ⁵	bring ¹⁵	go ¹⁰	☯

Game Objective: Pupils practice making sentences with irregular verbs in the past tense.

Game Type: Memory Game

Classroom Organisation: Teams

Language Area: Grammar (word forms, sentences) and vocabulary

Useful for: Reviewing, testing, sentence construction, accuracy

REMEMBER:

Don't let teams write down anything. This is a memory game!

1. Choose 13 irregular verbs you would like to revise with your pupils (these can be from any unit they have done). If you cannot think of 13 you can mix with regular verbs. Try to include some easy level, middle level and difficult level verbs and one pupils may not know!
2. Write this down on a piece of paper (see example above) and assign 5 points to easy, 10 points to middle and 15 points to difficult and 20 points to any verb pupils may not know. Choose 3 squares for 'tornadoes' (see example above). Keep your paper a secret from the class!
3. Divide your class into roughly 5 teams (depending on your class size this may vary) and indicate this on the board (see picture above). Tell pupils they CANNOT WRITE ANYTHING DOWN!
4. Quickly draw a large grid on the board and label the rows A, B, C, D and the columns 1, 2, 3, 4. This makes it easy for pupils to select the square. For example, 'eat' is square A1, 'light' is C2 and 'go' is D3.
5. Ask a team to choose a square. That team must try to make a grammatically accurate sentence with that verb in the past tense.
6. If they get it correct, they get the points and receive ONE extra turn. Put a large tick '✓' in the box.
7. If they get it wrong, you MUST ERASE THE VERB IN THE SQUARE and let the next team choose a square.
8. If a team chooses a square with a 'tornado', they LOSE THEIR NEXT TURN!
9. You can make it easier by asking teams to just give the past form of the verb.