

1. Mastermind

On September 11th, 1972, a programme started up on BBC TV called *Mastermind*. It captured the imagination of the viewing public and has since become an institution. We pay homage to *Mastermind* this week with a worksheet full of facts for your students to create their own questions for a class general knowledge quiz.

Level

Intermediate upwards

How to use the lesson

1. Tell your students they are going to prepare a quiz for each other.
2. Divide the class into two groups, Team A and Team B. Give the top half of the Worksheet to each student in Team A and the bottom half to each student in Team B.
3. Tell your students that they only need to choose ten facts, not all of them. They should then prepare questions for the other team. Depending on available time, students can prepare either questions only or they can prepare a multiple-choice quiz where they offer three or four alternative answers for the ten facts they have chosen.
4. After giving enough time for students to prepare their questions, it's time to play. If you want, you can award points for a good question as well as a good answer. This should provide an incentive for the students to form their questions as well as they can.
5. At the end of the quiz, the team with the most points is the winner.

Option

If you have more time available you could ask the teams to write questions for the remaining ten facts. Alternatively, students could look at the last sites listed below, or other sources, and create their own quizzes for the rest of the class.

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cult/ilove/years/1972/tv1.shtml>

Watch a video clip of how it all started.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/magazine/3046254.stm>

Here are some of the questions from the show. How well can you do?

And here are some more trivia sites. Some inspiration for your students, maybe.

<http://www.funtrivia.com/>

<http://www.coolquiz.com/trivia/>