

Example Skills Circuit

Procedure

Tell students they are going to do an activity which:-

- works on grammar and vocabulary,
- means working in teams
- requires groups to stand up and move around the classroom to six different work places

I usually write the following rules on the board before starting the circuit.

- 1) The objective is to do the tasks at each work places in 5 minutes
- 2) When the teacher calls 'stop' the team finishes the answer and moves onto the next stage taking the answer sheet
- 3) A 'secretary' has to write the group answer on the answer sheet
- 4) The secretary rotates so each team member takes it in turn to write
- 5) The game ends when each team has worked at all work places
- 6) At the end we check answers and find a winner

Here are 6 tasks to use in a skills circuit. Put one at each work place and ask the students not to write on them.

Task 1 Grammar : For and Since with present perfect (10 points)

Write for or since on your answer sheet.

- 1) Juan has lived in this city _____ 8 years.
- 2) Maria has studied English _____ 1999.
- 3) Pedro and Miguel aren't happy, they haven't played football _____
2 weeks.
- 4) Paula's hungry, she hasn't eaten anything _____ breakfast at 8
O'clock.
- 5) It's terrible! Carlos' girlfriend hasn't phoned him _____ the weekend.
- 6) Eduardo's hair is too long, he hasn't had it cut _____ 3 years.
- 7) I hope the film is good, I haven't seen a good film _____ a long
time.
- 8) How long is it _____ you saw your grandparents?
- 9) Salvador has had his new bike _____ 3 months.
- 10) Our school football team is terrible, it hasn't won a match _____
ages.

Task 2 Grammar: Irregular Verbs (10 points)

Write the correct form of the verb in the spaces on the verb table.

INFINITIVE	PAST	PARTICIPLE
1) go	_____	_____
2) see	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	thought
4) _____	read	_____
5) eat	_____	_____
6) make	_____	_____
7) _____	_____	drunk
8) _____	sang	_____
9) give	_____	_____
10) _____	came	_____

Task 3 Grammar : Questions and Answers (20 points)

Write questions for these answers.

- 1) I usually get up at 8 O'clock
- 2) Tom lives in the city.
- 3) Eugenia has studied here for more than 5 years
- 4) J.K. Rowling wrote the Harry Potter stories.
- 5) Pedro gets 30€ a week pocket money.
- 6) Marga leaves home at 8.15 in the morning.
- 7) Gerard bought his new sports shoes at 'Footlocker'
- 8) Isabel went to Argentina 2 years ago.
- 9) I've lived in this city for 10 years.
- 10) Last night I went to the cinema.

Task 4 Grammar: Past Simple and Continuous with *when* and *while* (10 points)

Complete the story with while or when

One afternoon Laura was doing her homework 1) _____ suddenly the telephone rang. She picked it up and 2) _____ she was talking to Oscar she heard a strange noise in the kitchen. She told Oscar to '*hold on*' and 3) _____ she arrived in the kitchen she saw broken glass and a pool of milk on the floor. 4) _____ she was talking to Oscar, a cat had jumped in through the open kitchen window. 5) _____ she got back to the phone Oscar had hung up!

Task 5 Vocabulary: Adjectives (10 points)

Write the opposite of these adjectives.

- 1) hot _____
- 2) thin _____
- 3) old _____
- 4) early _____
- 5) ugly _____
- 6) expensive _____
- 7) near _____
- 8) easy _____
- 9) boring _____
- 10) happy _____

Task 6 Grammar: Comparative and Superlative (10 points)

Choose the correct form and write the complete sentence on your answer sheet.

- 1) Julia is more younger / younger than she looks.
- 2) Helen's brother is much tidier than/ more tidy of her.
- 3) This the worst/the most bad day of my life!
- 4) Is your sister more older / older than mine?
- 5) Some people say London is the most expensive/ more expensive city on earth.
- 6) The English test was the easiest/ the more easy exam we have had.
- 7) That was a good film, it was better than / more good than the last one we saw.
- 8) People think Spanish is as easy than / as easy as French to learn.
- 9) English is not as difficult as/as difficult than Russian.
- 10) The internet is the best/the most good invention of all time!

Team Answer Sheet

One copy of the answer sheet should be given to each team for them to record their answers.

Names _____

Task 1 Grammar : For or Since with present perfect

Write for or since here (1 point each=10 points)

- | | |
|----|-----|
| 1) | 6) |
| 2) | 7) |
| 3) | 8) |
| 4) | 9) |
| 5) | 10) |

Task 2 Grammar: Irregular Verbs (1/2 point each=10 points)

Write the Infinitive, past or past participle form of the verb.

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|-----|-------|-------|
| 1) | _____ | _____ |
| 2) | _____ | _____ |
| 3) | _____ | _____ |
| 4) | _____ | _____ |
| 5) | _____ | _____ |
| 6) | _____ | _____ |
| 7) | _____ | _____ |
| 8) | _____ | _____ |
| 9) | _____ | _____ |
| 10) | _____ | _____ |

Task 3 Grammar : Questions and Answers(2 points each=20 points)

Write the questions here

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____
- 9) _____
- 10) _____

Task 4 Grammar: Past simple and continuous(1 point each=5 points)

Write when or while here.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

Task 5 Vocabulary: Adjectives(1 point each=10 points)

Write the opposite adjectives here.

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|----------|-----------|
| 1) _____ | 6) _____ |
| 2) _____ | 7) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 8) _____ |
| 4) _____ | 9) _____ |
| 5) _____ | 10) _____ |

Task 6 Grammar: Comparative and Superlative(1 point each=10 points)

Write the complete sentence here.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____
- 9) _____
- 10) _____

Teacher Answer Sheet with points.

Task 1 Grammar : For or Since with present perfect

Write for or since here (1 point each=10 points)

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1) for | 6) for |
| 2) since | 7) for |
| 3) for | 8) since |
| 4) since | 9) for |
| 5) since | 10) for |

Task 2 Grammar: Irregular Verbs (1/2 point each=10 points)

Write the Infinitive, past or past participle form of the verb.

- 1) went / gone
- 2) saw / seen
- 3) think / thought
- 4) read / read
- 5) ate / eaten
- 6) made / made
- 7) drink / drank
- 8) sing / sung
- 9) gave / given
- 10) come / come

Task 3 Grammar : Questions and Answers (2 points each=20 points)

Write the questions here

- 1) What time (1 point) do you / usually get up (1 point)?
- 2) Where (1 point) does / Tom Live (1 point)?
- 3) How long (1 point) has Eugenia / studied here (1 point)?
- 4) Who wrote (1 point) The Harry Potter stories (1 point)?
- 5) How much pocket money (1 point) does Pedro get (1 point)?
- 6) What time (1 point) does Marga leave home in the morning (1 point)?
- 7) Where (1 point) did Gerard buy his new trainers (1 point)?
- 8) When (1 point) did Isabel go to Argentina (1 point)?
Or Where (1 point) did Isabel go two years ago (1 point)?
- 9) How long (1 point) have you lived in this city (1 point)?
- 10) Where (1 point) did you go last night (1 point)?

Task 4 Grammar: Past simple and continuous (1 point each=5 points)

Write when or while here.

- 1) when
- 2) while
- 3) when
- 4) while
- 5) when

Task 5 Vocabulary: Adjectives (1 point each=10 points)

Write the opposite adjectives here.

- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1) Cold | 6) cheap |
| 2) Fat | 7) far |
| 3) New | 8) difficult |
| 4) Late | 9) interesting |
| 5) Beautiful | 10) sad |

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TOTAL POINTS = 65

Tip: At the end of the activity I collect in the answer sheets. For the next class I make copies of each team sheet and then give them out to members to keep as reference.