

Topic

Names of the months - significance

Aims

- To develop and practise speaking skills
- To learn some interesting cultural and historical facts
- To work in a team to reach agreement

Age group

Teenagers and adults

Level

A2 +

Time

45 – 50 minutes

Materials

Game cards sheet (1 per group)
Answer key (1 per group)

Introduction

All over the world we have unique names for the months of the year, often with historical or cultural references. This game encourages students to think about these references at the same time as they play a game.

In this lesson students play a fun quiz-based card game in groups. They have to discuss three facts about each month and guess which fact is false. Students play in groups of odd numbers so that they are forced to reach agreement. The information is meant to be informative and fun.

For homework, or as a follow-on classroom task, students find out some background information about different calendars in other cultures.

