Using Competitions in ELT

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The classroom experience

Three teams of three
Shared answers
Everyone has a role



The learning purpose

What will learners practise?
What will they explain afterwards?



Competition formats

Vocabulary and grammar
General knowledge
Listening and video
Spelling and spoken responses



Small teams

Balanced groups
Reader, recorder, spokesperson
Roles change each round



A clear round

Read the question
Think individually
Discuss and record
Submit together



Fair participation

Equal thinking time
Answers from every team
No elimination



A test without listening

Five written questions
Team discussion
Answer key and explanations



Answer review

Which answer fits?
What helped you decide?
Where could we use this word?



Vocabulary rounds

A meaning or a clue
A word or a choice
A new sentence



General knowledge

Familiar topics
Questions in English
Reasons and follow-up questions



Listening rounds

A clear listening goal
A planned number of plays
Evidence from the recording



Video rounds

Questions before viewing
Watch with a purpose
Discuss what you noticed



Spelling and spoken responses

Familiar words
Supportive feedback
Different ways to answer



Excel scoring

Answer key
Team responses
Totals and ranking



Mustafa Yücedal

Excel scoring example
With appreciation for his work



Scoring choices

A simple fixed score
An announced variable rule
Shared first place when needed



A participant task

Choose a learning goal
Write three questions
Plan roles and scoring
Add one follow-up task



After the competition

Useful language on the board
One correction to remember
One new example from each team



Thank you

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