MINIMAX exercises for your English classes 😉!

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1	Turn your brain on!	GOOD MORNING! I HOPE YOU ALL SLEPT WELL?
	XRL	XLLR RLRLXXX LX LRLL XRX LRL XRXRL XRLR
		X= clap, R= raise right hand, L= raise left hand
2	Cards on floor (write on B/B)	Each st answers questions/ on floor in circle or on B/B
		-How are you feeling this morning?
		-What did you do last night?
		-What are you going to do this weekend?
3	Quick dictation	Dictate 8 short sentences about yourself (or on a topic covered)
		Sts write down sentences
		Discuss with a neighbour which are T or F
		Compare in plenum.
4	Self-made Bingo	Collect words on B/B from sts on a topic
		Ask sts to draw a grid with 9 squares
	BINGO!	Fill in 9 words from the B/B
	DINGU:	Tchr elicits words (cross them out on B/B)
		First st. to cross out all 9 words shouts "BINGO"!
5	Cup of conversation	Put cards in a big cup
	Q=	Pass the cup through the class – every st. takes a card
	9	Discuss the words with your partner
		After 2 minutes pass both cards (clockwise) to next pairand so on.
6	Fish it!	2 sts sit/ stand at the front of the class
		Each st picks a card out of the cup
	(0) (3)	They talk about the cards, include them in a dialogue
		Other sts shout "Fish it" – sts put their cards to one side and pick 2
		moretalk again till "Fish it" is shouted again.
		Choose 2 other sts after a short while.
7	Shadow duel	1 st stands behind another st's chair
		Tchr asks a question
		First to answer correctly may sit down
		Other st goes and stands behind another st's chair
8	Sitters and movers	Class is divided alternately into As and Bs.
		Every st. gets a hand-out with tasks to do
		Task no. 1 is done with the partner sitting next to you.
		Tchr rings bell(claps) and all Bs get up and move to the next
	The state of the s	A(partner) – move clockwise through the classroom
		New partners do the next task togetherand so on.
9	ABC clapping exercise	Each st gets a letter of the alphabet
	ABC	Clap-clap-letter-letter: clap-clap- G-T / Clap-clap- T – F
		(Clap thighs – clap hands – snip fingers when saying the letters)
10	Flowers & potatoes	2 teams: Flowers and Potatoes
		1 member of each team sits with back to B/B
		Tchr writes a word on B/B – each team must explain the word to
		their st. without using the word.
		First st to shout the right answer gets a point – swap sts.
11	3-headed-monster	3 sts sit / stand in a row in front of the class
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13	Puzzle in the hat	Write down different tasks for groups to do.
		Cut up the tasks to decide which st is in which group
	4	(Don't cut up the tasks until you are in the class in case so. is ill!)
	6 5 5	Sts prepare their task and present it to the class
		Give a time limit for their preparation
	12 3	Tasks will be sent digitally
14	This is how we roll it!	Sts work in groups
		1 sts writes down what tchr dictates (conversation topics)
		List of numbers 1-6
		1. Hunting foxes
	1	2. Eating meat
	1 2 6	3. Being a politician
	1 6 0	4. Celebrating New Year's Eve
		5. Influencers
		6. Online shopping
		Sts take turns to roll the dice and explain/talk about the word they
		land on. Repetition is good, it doesn't matter if numbers get
4-		repeated
15	Small talk cards	Each group is given 6 empty cards (different colours)
		Tchr gives each group a different topic
		Sts write one word (maximum three words) on each card
		Each grp passes its cards on to the neighbour grp
		New group plays the game, as in "This is how we roll it"!
	الكام الله	After 5 mins pass cards on again to next group
16	Switcheroo	Groups of 4 or 6 sts (even number, if possible)
		Each st has a sheet of A4 paper
	Topics:	Tchr gives each group member a topic
	-buying a present in a shop	Every st writes the first sentence of a dialogue on this topic
	-inviting someone to go out	When the whole group has written a sentence, the sheets get
	-asking about a holiday	passed on to the person on their right
	-telephone complaint about a	This st then reads the first sentence and writes a reply.
	wrong delivery	Then the sheet gets passed on again: read, write, pass on till the
	-buying a new mobile phone	dialogue is finished
	-organising an outing	Then practice reading the dialogues aloud in pairs
		Afterwards the best dialogue in each group can be read to the class
17	Grab it!	Divide the class into groups (not more than 4 in a group)
		Give each group 15 -20 small cards (different colour for each grp)
		Oldest st in the grp writes down the words dictated by the tchr
		One word on each card
	(Cir)	The cards are put face-up in the middle of the table
		All sts sit round the table, hands in their laps
	201	Tchr elicits a word "You need this to be allowed to drive a car"
		Sts "grab" the right card (driving licence)
		St with the most cards at the end is the winner
18	Board games	Either use a ready-made game or
	CO CO CO CO CO	Let sts make their own board games
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	TO COL	Give them an empty template or let them design their own
	TO COALS	Sts work in grps, tchr gives each grp a different topic to revise
	S. D. J. C.	Useful at the end of a course, good for repetition!
		(Templates for both will be sent digitally)