

Resource A - Runners



This game introduces children, in a fun and interesting way, to a variety of languages. The aim of the game is to match the 'hellos' to the language in which they are spoken.

A set of 'Answer flashcards' (A1) are provided below, for the teacher's reference.

1. Begin by showing the 'Hello flashcards' (A2), provided below. Take a look at them with the children and elicit information: what does each card say? What does it mean? What language is it? Does anyone speak...? Where in the world is it spoken? Write the language below each 'hello'. Help the children practise and perfect their pronunciation of the words.
2. Play 'Pairs'. Put the children into pairs and give them a set of hello and language cards (A3), provided below. These will need to be cut out to make a deck of cards for each pair.
3. The children shuffle the deck and lay all the cards out upside down. Taking it in turns, they turn over two cards, trying to match the hello to the language. They say the two words: if they match, they keep the pair and have another go; if they do not match, they turn the cards back over and their partner takes their turn. Children may be provided with the word bank (A6) provided below, to clarify and confirm their pairs. The child with the most pairs is the winner.

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4. Now play 'Runners'. Put the children into different pairs and place the 12 language cards (A4) provided below, around the room.
 5. Give each pair a partner grid (A5), provided below. One child from the pair runs off to find a word, while the other remains at the table. The runner must remember the language and return to their partner.
 6. The child tells their partner the language and they write it next to the correct hello on the grid.
 7. The children swap roles, repeating the process until they have found and written down all of the words. Make it a timed competition – the children love this!
 8. Check that the pairs have all the correct words and reinforce any in corrections.
 9. Finally, concept-check the understanding of the practised vocabulary.
- NOTE - this activity can be adapted to any theme or language structure.
Give it a go!

A1 Answer flashcards

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| 1. Mandarin Ni hao | 2. Spanish Hola | 3. English Hello | 4. Hindi Namaskaar |
| 5. Arabic Marhabaan | 6. Portuguese Ola | 7. Bengali Hyallo | 8. Russian Zdravstvuyte |
| 9. Japanese Konnichiwa | 10. Punjabi Sata sri akala | 11. Polish Witaj | 12. Romanian Buna |

A2 Hello flashcards

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| 1. Ni hao | 2. Hola | 3. Hello | 4. Namaskaar |
| 5. Marhabaan | 6. Ola | 7. Hyalo | 8. Zdravstvuyte |
| 9. Konnichiwa | 10. Sata sri akala | 11. Witaj | 12. Buna |

A3 Hello and Language flashcards

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| Mandarin | Spanish | English | Hindi |
| Arabic | Portuguese | Bengali | Russian |
| Japanese | Punjabi | Polish | Romanian |
| Ni hao | Hola | Hello | Namaskaar |
| Marhabaan | Ola | Hyalo | Zdravstvuyte |
| Konnichiwa | Sata sri akala | Witaj | Buna |

A4 Language flashcards



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| Mandarin | Spanish | English | Hindi |
| Arabic | Portuguese | Bengali | Russian |
| Japanese | Punjabi | Polish | Romanian |

A5 Partner's grid



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| 1. Ni hao | 2. Hola | 3. Hello | 4. Namaskaar |
| 5. Marhabaan | 6. Ola | 7. Hyalo | 8. Zdravstvuyte |
| 9. Konnichiwa | 10. Sata sri akala | 11. Witaj | 12. Buna |

A6 Word Bank



- Namaskaar - Hindi
- Buna - Romanian
- Ni hao - Mandarin
- Hola - Spanish
- Zdravstvuyte - Russian
- Witaj - Polish
- Marhabaan - Arabic
- Ola - Portuguese
- Konnichiwa - Japanese
- Hyalo - Bengali
- Hello - English
- Sata sri akala - Punjaba