

Tic-Tac-Toe

Known as Noughts & Crosses in Britain and Morpian in France, Tic-Tac-Toe is incredibly versatile and useful in the classroom. Like Hangman, it lends itself well to using teams. One game of Tic-Tac-Toe can take anywhere from 5–10 minutes to complete, depending on the difficulty.

I will often use it to reinforce vocabulary by placing certain words in the spaces and then requiring students to produce a grammatically correct sentence incorporating the word in order to win the space. If I have the students in teams, the teams alternate in coming up with sentences until there is a winner, or, more likely, the game ends in a tie.