

False Friends

Topic: Languages in Europe

 45 minutes

 from 9 years (from grade 3)



Necessary material/Preparation

- PC with Internet access, possibly saved pictures from the online game (DE-EN)
- projector
- list of false friends in relevant language pairs

Learning objective/Skills

The learners

- learn what a false friend is.
- learn examples of false friends in the taught languages and in their mother tongues.

Arrangement

Discussion, game

Lesson plan

At the beginning, all the original languages of the students will be collected. The teacher points to similarities between the languages and explains what false friends are. After that, they play the game »Is the translation right?« together - either online (DE-EN) or with the help of saved illustrations (for a different language pair the texts in the illustrations must be changed).

Detailed description of the most important activities

| Activities | Comments |
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| 1. Languages spoken in class will be listed and the teacher will explain what »false friends« are. | Search for examples in the students' languages and in the language spoken at school. |
| 2. Game »Is the translation right?« | Use of the online game https://www.ego4u.de/de/chill-out/games/false-friends The teacher can show saved pictures with the projector or can let students (in groups) play online (Internet access and computer necessary). The teacher explains the correct meaning of the words |

Further tips (Ideas for further activities, projects, open tasks)

1. For older children e.g. filling the table with false friends:

| ENGLISH | | DEUTSCH | |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| art | kind, form, species, some kind of | Art | Kunst |
| actual | current, recent | aktuell | tatsächlich |

Source: https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Falscher_Freund#Englische_falsche_Freunde

2. Forming sentences with these words etc.

External links

list of various games for the English language: <https://www.ego4u.de/de/chill-out/games>
exercises provided by German teachers (free, but registration necessary):
<https://www.4teachers.de/?action=search&searchstring=false+friends&searchtype=0>
https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Falscher_Freund

Sources

The game »Falsche Freunde – False Friends« with instructions: <https://www.ego4u.de/de/chill-out/games/false-friends>

Examples from the online game

