

7.4 Short activities

Balloon Debate

Focus: *speaking and listening.*

1. Outline of the game: This is a dramatic situation! 8 people are travelling in a hot air balloon. The hot air balloon is losing air very quickly. Everybody is in danger.

The pilot says that unless one person jumps out in order to make the balloon lighter, the balloon will crash and everyone will be killed.

Each student must take on the identity of a person in the balloon and make a speech. After hearing all the speeches the class decides on who should be the first to jump, then the second, etc. (Or if everyone in the class is playing, the people in the balloon decide.)



2. First, decide on who the people in the balloon are. You can choose from the following, or choose your own:
 - ❖ A group of famous living people – each student selects someone, and outlines why they are needed in the world.
 - ❖ A group of professionals – each student selects a profession and argues that it is the most important one in the world.
 - ❖ A group of subject teachers, each student selects a subject outlining the importance of their subject to the world.
3. Each person has five minutes to prepare a short speech (if you wish, you can have a word limit, suggestion: 150 words).
4. Listen to the speeches.
5. Vote!