

My aunt's cat ...

Level: Pre-intermediate +

Ages: all ages

Time 5 – 10 minutes

Materials: none

Purpose: A bit of fun and activation of a random set of vocabulary, revision of the sequence of the alphabet, conditioned choice between "a" & "an"

Method:

Step one – The teacher presents the sentence – "My Aunt's cat is an active cat", generates practice in the pronunciation of the sentence and then writes it up as a marker sentence on the board. It's worth highlighting and drilling the connected speech phenomena in this sentence.

Step two – The class then take it in turns to repeat the sentence, replacing the adjective with another starting with the next letter in the alphabet – i.e. bellicose, crafty etc.

Anticipated problems:

Some letters present problems for most classes – for example, xenophobic and xylophone-playing may be a bit far-fetched as descriptions of cats for most classes. Teachers may prefer to skip certain letters!