

It Worked Well Wednesday

For the 7th edition of our It Worked Well Wednesday, we have chosen the activity, Aural Sentence Scramble.

I first learned about this on a Conti training day in 2018 and I love using it for reflexive verbs, negatives and object pronouns, although you can use it for so many other structures too.

The activity is just like a normal sentence scramble but instead of seeing the sentences, the learners listen to you reading the sentences all scrambled up and they have to jot the words down in the correct order. It is quite tricky so I always use a grid with an example to help guide the learners (you could choose to name each column of the grid with the correct grammatical terminology but this can be a little bit off putting for some of my learners so I prefer to use an example).

It is great to see learners auto-correcting with this activity. For example, when they hear 'elle' and so write 'elle' but they then hear 'sont' so know that they should actually have written 'elles' - there are lots of nuance like this that you can pull out and use to recycle prior learning and / or extend the learning

Like all Conti activities, you can really build on this and 'exploit' it further with Mind Reader, Faulty Echo and Ordering activities.

The example attached is for reflexive verbs in the Perfect Tense.