

Tutor Notes

Listening Slalom! For our 16th edition of It Worked Well Wednesday, we've chosen to focus on the fantastic Conti activity; Listening Slalom.

This is a great activity to encourage your learners to focus on 'chunks' of sentences whilst also practising their listening skills.

How does it work?

1. Create 5 or 6 sentences that you would like to work on / review with your learners. Ensure that the sentences you create can break down into an equal number of 'chunks' and that you can really draw out a pattern with these chunks. The example used has been created to review the use of 'vouloir' and 'devoir' in the Present Tense and you will see how each line of the Listening Slalom draws the learners' attention to these structures.
2. Once you have created your sentences in French, translate them into English and plot them into the grid.
3. Give the learners the grid and then read your French sentences one by one. Learners listen to the sentences and, starting from the top of the grid, highlight a 'chunk' of the sentence on each line until they reach the bottom. It is wise to use different coloured highlighter / pens per sentence.

To feedback, you could ask a learner to read the sentence in English and then ask another learner to try to say the sentence back to you in French. Or you could ask the learners to work in pairs to write written translations of the sentences and then feedback this way.

This activity works so well with so many different structures at all levels.

We hope you like it!