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kindly	bravely	politely	safely	nervously
slowly	closely	equally	sleepily	suddenly
greedily	happily	sadly	thoughtfully	healthily
lazily	powerfully	punctually	cheerfully	noisily
correctly	neatly	loudly	nicely	naturally
smoothly	badly	silently	completely	carefully
gently	well	easily	heavily	mysteriously
hurriedly	quickly	patiently	beautifully	hard
angrily	softly	clearly	perfectly	regularly

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In this compelling teaching activity, students play a game of Connect 4 by associating verbs with adverbs of manner and then making sentences with the words.

Before class, make one copy of the worksheet for each pair of students. Make extra copies if you wish to play several rounds.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs and give each pair a copy of the worksheet.

Each student should have a different coloured pen to their partner.

Students take it in turns to choose an adverb of frequency from the chart.

When a student has chosen an adverb of frequency, they think of a verb that would go with the frequency adverb. Then they make a sentence using the two words.

If a student manages to do this successfully, they write the verb under the frequency adverb with their coloured pen.

Students must use a different verb each time they make a sentence.

The aim of the activity is for the students to get four squares in a row, either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, while at the same time trying to stop their partner from getting four in a row.

When a student gets four squares in a row, you check their answers.

If each verb matches appropriately with the frequency adverb, the student wins the round and scores a point.

If any of their answers are incorrect, the other student wins the round.

Students can play several rounds using a new worksheet each time.

The student who has the most points at the end is the winner.