

Teaching languages is an exciting and dynamic experience, but keeping students focused during the end-of-year stretch can be a challenge. Here are some creative activities to keep students engaged while reinforcing language skills.

1. A Tour of My House

Inspired by @irishpolyglot (Benny Lewis), this is a fun project for the end of the year:

- **Options:**

- Students give a video tour of their house, dream house, or a celebrity's house.
- Alternatively, they can present a photo or drawing of a house and describe it in the target language.

- **Requirements:**

- Describe at least five rooms.
- Answer questions like:
 - What does your house look like?
 - What's in your house?
 - What do you do in each part of the house?
 - What do you like most about your house?
- Students can use apps like Google Slides or Fishbole to enhance their presentations.

2. Personal Soundtracks

Students create a playlist of songs that represent them. Categories could include:

- Their anthem.
- A song representing their childhood.
- A song for their future.
- A favorite or inspirational track.

Activity: For each song, students write an explanation in the target language, connecting the activity to culture and self-expression.

3. Rose, Thorn, and Bud

Students share:

- A **rose** (something great).
- A **thorn** (something challenging).
- A **bud** (something they're looking forward to).

This activity works well as a reflective exercise, reviewing vocabulary and sentence structures.

4. Nature Walk

Take students outside for a refreshing break. They must:

- Speak in the target language during the walk.
- Return to the classroom to discuss and journal about what they saw.

5. Myself: Inside and Outside

- Students take a selfie and select three images (or drawings) that represent their inner selves.
- They present their photos and explain their choices in the target language.
- Artistic students can create their own drawings instead of using photos.

6. Bubbles

A playful and engaging activity:

- Blow bubbles and give students language tasks, such as:
 - Counting bubbles in the target language.
 - Conjugating verbs before the bubbles disappear.

This works well in pairs or groups, with students taking turns blowing bubbles and completing the tasks.

7. Popular Sayings and Idiomatic Expressions

- Write 10-15 proverbs, idioms, or sayings in the target language.
- Match them to their equivalents in English (or more advanced students can match within the target language).
- Discuss and explore the meaning and cultural relevance of each expression.

8. Thank You Cards

Students write detailed thank-you notes in the target language to:

- A person (real, fictional, or famous).
- A creation (e.g., a movie, gadget, or song).
- Something in nature.

Display the cards for everyone to read and enjoy.

9. Nature Scenes

Students create a nature-inspired project after learning or reviewing vocabulary:

- Options: Draw, photograph, or create 3D models of a nature scene.
- This is especially enjoyable as an outdoor activity when weather permits.

10. Taxi Cab

Inspired by London cab drivers, this activity involves:

- Students forming teams as drivers and passengers.
- Speaking only in the target language while “traveling” to their destination.
- Debriefing in the target language afterward.

11. Art Projects

Creative, language-focused activities:

- **Group Graffiti:** Illustrate or paint a scene described in the target language.
- **Storyboard:** Create and narrate a story in the target language.
- **Draw What Your Partner Describes:** One student describes a scene while the other draws it, then they compare results.

12. What We Love Graffiti

- Create a giant heart on butcher paper (or digitally).
- Students write sentences about things they love in the target language (e.g., *J'adore les raisins* or *Me encanta ir a la playa*).
- This activity is great for practicing presentational writing and learning about

each other.

13. Coffee Talk

Host a casual language conversation session with drinks and snacks.

- Advanced students can lead natural conversations.
- Beginners can use prompts or bullet points to guide discussions.
- Consider inviting guest speakers for added cultural enrichment.

14. Quizlet Live

- Use Quizlet Live to turn vocabulary practice into a live competition.
- Students join using devices or laptops and work in teams to match vocabulary.

15. Comics

Students create comic strips in the target language to practice storytelling and vocabulary.

- Use online tools like [MakeBeliefsComix](#) to make the activity fun and accessible.

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