

“When was the last time you”...game

This activity is a modification of a few different activities. This is a game for students to practice making “When was the last time you...” questions, responding to them and asking follow-up questions. Divide students into groups of 4-10. Print out some play money and distribute it equally to each student. There are many places on the web you can find some play money, but to save you a little time looking, you can go to http://donnayoung.org/math/m01/playmon/unit_mony.pdf. Cut out and shuffle the “Tell the Truth” or “Tell a Lie” cards at the end of this page and place them in one pile at the center of the table. Model “When was the last time you” + simple past for your students, as well as ways to respond to “When was the last time you” questions.

Ex.

When was the last time you ate a hot dog?

Possible answers. You may want to write these on the white board so students can refer to them during the activity

Yesterday	Two hours ago	
	Two days ago	Last week
	Three weeks ago	Last month
		Last October
	Four months ago	Last year
	Five years ago	
At lunchtime	During my vacation	Some time in August
At dinner	Some time during my vacation	
At recess		
At the meeting		

You may want to give students the sheet at the end of this lesson with some examples of ‘When was the last time’ questions with verbs in the simple present. Remind students that they will have to change the simple present to the simple past. The first student starts and asks anyone else in his/her group a “When

was the last time you...” question. The student who is asked the question should draw a card from the pile of “Tell the Truth” or “Tell a Lie” cards and answer according to the directions on the card. The rest of the students are allowed to ask 3 more follow-up questions to try and determine if the person answering is telling the truth or lying. Then all of the students, except for the student who answered, bet on whether the student is telling the truth or lying. It is the student answering the question that must pay the bets. It’s a good idea to set a maximum bet, so one student doesn’t go completely bankrupt on one question.

Example: In a group of six students (made up of Chandler, Joey, Monica, Phoebe, Rachel and Ross) Ross starts and decides to ask Monica, “When was the last time you kissed a man”. Monica, who has never kissed a man, draws a “Tell a Lie” card and answers, “Last Friday.” Since three follow-up questions are allowed, Joey begins and asks “Where?” Monica replies, “In the Park”. Phoebe then asks Monica, “Who was it?” Monica replies, “Brad Pitt.” Rachel then blurts out, “Was it a good kiss?” Monica replies, “The best.” Chandler then asks, “What did you do after that?” Ross steps in and says, “Three questions are up. It’s time to bet.”

Ross: “3 dollars it’s a lie”

Phoebe: “2 dollars. Truth”

Chandler: “uh...a buck, lie”

Joey: “2 dollars she’s lying”

Rachel: “3 dollars says she’s telling the truth”

Monica then shows her “Tell a Lie” card. She collects Phoebe’s and Rachel’s money, since they were wrong, but has to pay Ross 3 dollars, Joey 2 dollars and Chandler a dollar. Overall, she lost one dollar. Play proceeds for a set-time period. This activity can also be used to practice “**Have you ever**” or “**Did you ever...**”

Student handout

When was the last time you...(past)

When was the last time you saw a movie?

Possible Answers

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Some sample questions (you will have to change the verb and add prepositions)

sing/in public

think/out loud

find/money

be/hangover

get drunk/party

be/hang out to dry

tell/gossip

stick/with the bill

shake hands/someone famous

strike/a baseball

meet/someone famous

swing/someone

made up/after an argument

begin/book/never finish

lead/an expedition

drink/Yak's milk

pay/someone else's dinner

ring/a church bell

say/something you regret

run/students' council

sell/a car

come home/past your curfew

shoot/a goal

go/Europe

sit in a waiting room/more than 3 hours

beat up/someone at school

stand in line/more than 3 hours

blow up/at a friend

tell/a secret to a friend

decide/to break up with someone

win/the lottery

choose/a team

build/a model

burn/yourself

feel/an earthquake

keep/diary

break/promise

leave a class/early

lose/something valuable

oversleep

sleep in

spend/more than 1,000 dollars at once

be/Paris

bring a pet/school

buy/anything expensive

catch/a fish

fight/a cause

seek/someone in the want ads

teach/anything

draw/a cartoon

drive/for more than 8 hours

eat/Yak

fall/more than 10 feet

fly/to Hong Kong

forget to do something important

get/ripped off

give/as well as you got

grow/your own vegetables

hide/from someone

know/a politician

lie down on a straw bed

see/the sunrise

show someone around your town

steal/gum

take/a computer course

throw/a party

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