GRAMMAR SENTENCE RACE
PAST SIMPLE (irregular)
Fun Team Competition

ACTIVITY NOTES
1. Divide the class into two teams.

2. Have one student from each team come to the front of the class and randomly choose one card.

3. The first student to write a grammatically correct sentence (using the past simple tense) – without spelling mistakes – is awarded one point for their team.

4. The game continues as the remaining students take turns to come to the board.

CONSIDER
Consider allowing the seated classmates shouting aloud help to their teammates at the board.

Consider setting a minimum number of words per sentence (at least five; more words for a more challenging game)
CONSIDER cont’d

Consider leading into the activity by writing some example sentences on the board – noting how the verb form does not change in question sentences, negative sentences, and after the word ‘to’ and (if students have already been introduced to the past of ‘can’) the past modal ‘could’.

Consider allowing only question sentences. For example: “Did the dog bite the man?”

Consider allowing only negative sentences. For example: “I didn’t break the cups.”