

Topic: Employment
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Activity: The Job Situation in the U.S.

Objectives

- Getting a job in the U.S. is very competitive.
- You should be ready to take any kind of job.

Lesson Time

10-15 minutes

Materials

- Balloon
- 2 small prizes

Practice

1. Ask for 2-3 volunteers. Have them stand on one side of the room.
2. Tell them you will throw the balloon into the air and you want them to catch it. The person who catches the ball receives a prize.
3. Throw the balloon up and let the volunteers fight over it. Give the prize to the winner.
4. Ask if participants had fun. Tell them that you will now make the game a little more difficult. Ask the entire class to stand up and join the game. Again, one person will catch the balloon and get a prize.
5. Throw the balloon and allow participants to fight over it. Give the prize to the winner.

Discussion

- What happened? Who got the balloon? Why did that person, and not someone else, get the balloon? Was s/he taller, stronger, more aggressive, luckier?
- Point out a small woman in the class and ask: When will she ever catch the balloon? (Only when the larger men stop playing.)
- Why did we play this game? How does it relate to employment in the U.S.? (Getting a job in the U.S. is a competition; many people will compete for a job but only one will get it. Weaker people will only get the jobs that nobody else wants.)
- What about those who did not join the game? Will they ever get a prize?
- How do you feel about this?
- Who in the U.S. will get the job? (The “stronger”, more aggressive, more skilled?)
- What will you do about this?

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