

ideas for using....

Tarsia for MFL

Match pictures and text.

Match beginnings and ends of sentences or phrases for meaning or to reinforce grammatical rules.

Match English and the target language.

Use Tarsia to promote co-operative work and discussion between learners.

Use consecutive dominoes to build up complex sentences.

Use Tarsia to discover new vocabulary.

Once the puzzle is completed, learners stick the pieces down and use coloured pens to circle and categorise the links.

Use Tarsia to complete a glossary of vocabulary.

Match definitions and key words.

Use Tarsia for a starter or a plenary.

Put a few blank spaces or blank shapes in the puzzle and ask learners to write what should be there.

Learners stick the completed puzzle into their books for future reference.

Use the extended versions of the shape puzzles which have non-paired items on the outside edge.

As an extension activity, learners make their own matches for the edges of extended version puzzles.

Add some extra red-herring pieces.

Remove a piece of the puzzle and learners have to work out what it will look like.

Put in some deliberate mistakes. Tell learners how many mistakes there are, and they have to identify and correct them.

Make some answers the same to increase the challenge. Consider *ser* and *estar* in Spanish, for example.

Print out your puzzle's Table page. Blank out some words to use it as an information gap, or use it as a record of the work.

Use Tarsia to revise prior learning.

Match questions and answers.

Use completed and stuck-down puzzles for display.

Try not to make each piece of text too long as the font will come out very small.

To help with complex puzzles, make a copy of the complete puzzle and invite a member of each group to look at it for 10 seconds.

Learners match two parts of a sentence, and have to provide a connective or another missing word.

Learners can make their own puzzles to exchange with classmates.

Use Tarsia to practise a rule.

Click on "Simplified" in the Hexagon puzzles to get just the centre six triangles.