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INTERACTIVE ESL GAMES

Engaging zero-background learners with high-energy activities

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Game 1: The Fly Swatter Race

A high-speed listening comprehension challenge

The Fly Swatter Race

Focus: Listening & Recognition

- ⚡ Zero Speaking Required: Lowers the affective filter instantly.
- 👂 Active Listening: Students focus intently on hearing the target word.
- 🏃 Physical Engagement: Movement distracts from the feeling of being tested.
- ★ Versatile: Use for phonics, colors, animals, or sight words.





Game 2: The Ticking Time Bomb

Practicing sentence structures under mild pressure

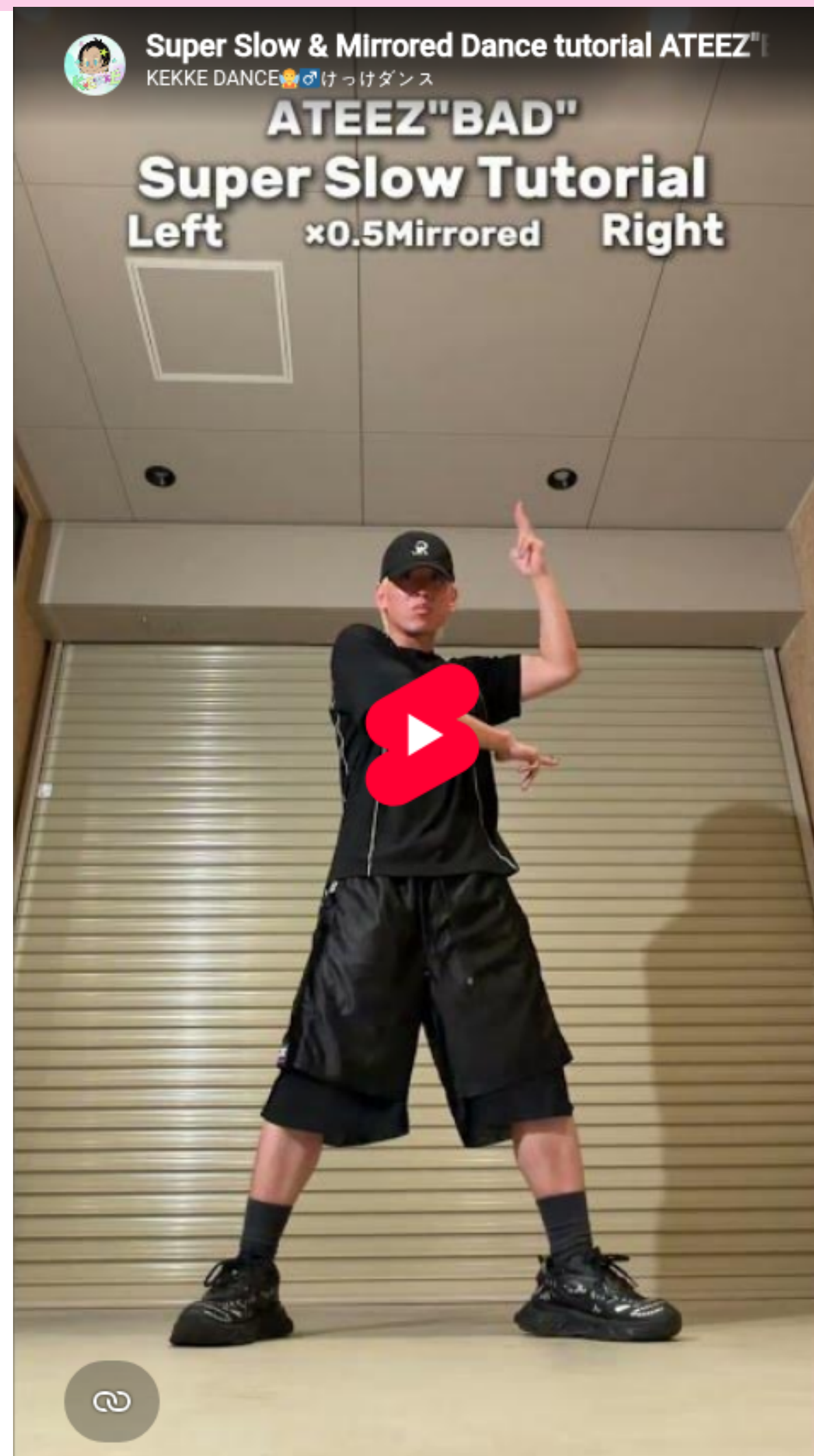
The Ticking Time Bomb



Focus: Sentence Structure

-  Rhythm & Repetition: Drills sentence patterns without feeling like a drill (e.g., "I like ____").
-  Fun Pressure: The timer makes them forget they are speaking English.
-  Active Listening: Must listen to avoid repeating the previous word.
-  Funny Forfeits: The "loser" does a silly dance, keeping spirits high.

Forfeit
Time:



Dance
it out



Game 3: Find Your Twin

A noisy, low-stakes mingle activity for speaking

Find Your Twin

Focus: Independent Speaking

This activity gets students out of their seats. By focusing on just **one target word or sentence**, they master it quickly to solve a puzzle.

It forces 1-on-1 speaking in a very low-stakes environment. Because it's noisy and everyone is talking at once, the **fear of public speaking vanishes** completely.



Key Takeaways



Safe Environment

Disguise learning as play to lower the affective filter. Choral speaking and group games reduce the fear of making mistakes.



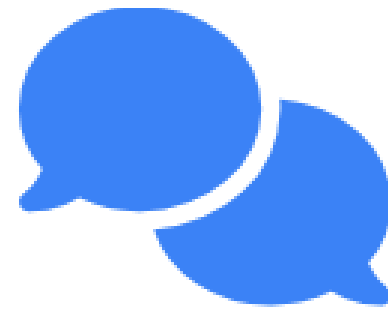
Total Physical Response

Connect English words directly to physical movements. Students comprehend faster without needing mental translation.



Repetition is Key

Use games that require repeating the same words or sentence structures naturally, building confidence through functional use.



Thank you for your participation!

Any questions?