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## Ludolinguistica: dal silenzio alla parola

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Abstract

Ludolinguistica: from silence to communicative activities

The article proposes four activities stemming from "recreational linguistics" ("ludolinguistica") to encourage classroom interaction and the fun element in language teaching and learning. The four activities — wordsearches, tictac-toe, labyrinths and mazes as well as humorous photographs — can provide a stimulus to motivate the learners. Often considered the Cinderella of the linguistics family by some colleagues, recreational linguistics offers teachers an opportunity to create in the classroom a pleasant, enjoyable and relaxing atmosphere. The article clearly shows how "silent" games, with a little creativity, can become "communicative" activities.

**Keywords:** ludolinguistica; recreational linguistics; wordsearches; tictac-toe; mazes and labyrinths; photos; humour.