

Running dictation

Select a text related to technology and print several copies. Put the copies up around the walls of the classroom or the hall.

The students have to work in pairs or small groups. The aim is for one of the students in each pair or group to walk to read the passage on the wall. They have to remember some of the passage and walk back to their partners. They quietly dictate what they remembered to their partners, who write it down. They then swap roles. Over several turns they will build the whole passage. This means they really do have to run back and forth because students will only remember three or four words at a time.

The winning pair/group is the team that finishes first- do not forget to check for mistakes. If there are mistakes, they must keep walking to check!

Text example:

(Adapted from <http://powerup.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powerup/en/over-11/electric-journey/>)

Power stations are usually located near coasts and rivers - often a long way away from towns and cities. Power stations use generators to produce high voltages. These high voltages cause electric current to flow through wires that are connected to a network of overhead lines (which we call the distribution system). These power lines cross the country carrying the electric current to where it's needed. There are lots of uses: powering trains and in factories, our homes, schools and community buildings and for lighting our streets. Sometimes these power lines are carried on pylons high above the ground, sometimes, they're buried under the ground - especially near towns and cities.