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Name of activity: Eating on the blue sofa

Type of activity: warming up

Topic: Spanish food

Material: 3 blue chair cushions

Number of learners: about 10 learners in 1 group

Language level: A 1

Time: about 15 minutes (explication + activity)

Goal: At the end of the activity, the learners will be able to remember the vocabulary about Spanish food

Possible challenges: The teacher has to make sure that only answers in the foreign language (Spanish) are accepted. If necessary he has to decide who gave the first two answers.

Preparation: Prepare the blue sofa: 3 chairs with 3 blue chair cushions.

Procedure: The teacher explains the activity in the mother tongue (German) and tells the learners the sentence the person in the middle of the sofa has to say in the foreign language (Spanish). Then the teacher sits down in the middle of the "sofa" and the learners stand in a semicircle around. The teacher starts saying e.g. "I am an apple" and waits for the associations of the learners – the first two persons who give an answer sit down beside the teacher and the teacher choose one of them to return to the circle and leaves the other on the "sofa" saying: "I take the ... and leave the ." (in Spanish). The person who is left on the sofa takes place in the middle and starts the game again repeating the name of the food he associated with the "apple".

Follow up: After this warming up the learners should write a shopping list and then work in pairs for a play role in a shop.

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