# Grammar Activity

**Flesh it Out**

**Purpose:** Syntactic Development

**Focus:** Use key words in the appropriate order in a grammatically correct sentence

**ELDC (Continuum) Level(s):** Low Intermediate 1, Low Intermediate 2, High Intermediate 1, High Intermediate 2, High Intermediate 3, Proficient 1

**Procedure:** The teacher gives the key words of a sentence and teams puts them into a grammatically correct sentence. Give points for correct answers in the oral format. Give grades in the written format.

| Key words: | he/sail/america/1492 |
| Key words: | he/sail/america/? (past)(yes/no) |

**Answer:**

- *He sailed to America in 1492.*
- *Did he sail to America?*

**Note:** This activity can be useful for practicing tenses of verbs. The teacher prompts teams by indicating the tense of the verb expected in the answer.

**Examples:**

Prompt: According to the prophet, Creon will bring calamity to Thebes *(future)*
Response: According to the prophet, Creon *will bring* calamity to Thebes.

Prompt: The prophet *warns* Creon that the gods *are* angry.
Response: The prophet *warns* Creon that the gods *are* angry.

Prompt: The boy *took* the apples and *carried* them away.
Response: The boy *took* the apples and *carried* them away.