

## **Sentence Auction**

This activity is a 'Silent Auction'. A number of sentences are offered 'for sale'. Participants are invited to place bids, based on the worth of each sentence.

- A sentence that is completely correct is worth RM100.
- An incorrect sentence is worthless. (RM 0)
- Any amount bid on an incorrect sentence will be subtracted from the total winnings.

However, if participants are unsure whether the sentence is totally correct or not, they may choose to bid smaller amounts, depending on the level of their confidence about the sentence.

Participants have an imaginary RM 1000 to spend on the 20 sentences.

### **Instructions:**

1. Students (with partner/team) examine the 20 sentences and decide which ones are completely correct. They place bids of between RM10 and RM100 in the 'bid' column next to each sentence.
2. Teacher reads the sentences aloud. Participants check their bids.
3. Students/teams swap their pages with someone else for checking and marking.
4. Teacher carefully reads each sentence and discusses / announces which are correct / incorrect and why.
5. Students/teams mark the paper in front of them. For correct sentences the amount bid is re-written in the 'Correct' column. For incorrect sentences the amount bid is re-written in the 'Incorrect' column.
6. Students then add each column separately, and the total 'incorrect' is subtracted from the total 'correct'.
7. Hand sheets back to original participants and ask who has the highest score. (Award prizes)

## Sentence Auction – notes for students

### Instructions:

With your partner / team look carefully at each sentence and decide whether it is correct.

- A sentence that is completely correct is worth RM100 – if you are really sure about it, and if you still have enough to spend.
- An incorrect sentence is worthless. (RM 0) (If you are *really* sure.)
- Remember: any amount bid on an incorrect sentence will be subtracted from the total winnings.

You have **ONLY RM 800** to bid. You do not have to bid all of it. There are 20 sentences.

**Bid on every sentence, but don't bid more than RM 800 altogether.** If you 100% sure that a sentence is 100% correct you can bid up to RM 100 on that one sentence. If you are not totally sure, bid on the sentence according to your confidence – RM0 / RM10 / RM20 / RM30 / RM40 ... RM100.

1. Write your name(s) in the top cell of the table.
2. Write your bid for each sentence in the 'bid' column.
3. Make sure you haven't bid more than 800 in total.
4. Listen carefully as the teacher reads through the sentences and check your bids.
5. When instructed, swap your paper with another team.
6. Check the bids on the paper in front of you – rewrite correct bids into the 'correct' column and incorrect bid amounts into the 'incorrect' column.
7. Total each column.
8. Subtract the 'incorrect' total from the 'correct' total. (This *may* produce a negative result!)
9. Hand back the papers.