Name Countries Auction Game

This is a simple game that the children can use as a warm up starter to a lesson or as a way of dismissing the children at the end of a lesson.

The children are asked to name a country beginning with a particular letter e.g. ‘A’

The children put their hands up and name countries in turn but the teacher chooses a different table each time e.g. Table 1 says Argentina you look for another table to say a country e.g. Albania. The countries are named randomly from table to table but the winning table is the one which names a country last.

To make it sound like an auction say: ‘This table has the final bid with Albania, going once, going twice…..but if another table comes in quick enough they can then hold the winning bid.

The table that wins can be dismissed first or you can give them housepoints etc if used as a warm up. Start the game again to dismiss the next table etc the children can choose the letter.

It does get competitive and the children go out of their way to learn new countries for the next time. It also helps to cover misconceptions such as when the children say Barcelona or Los Angeles or Asia are countries!

It is fun, so give it a go ☺