

Activity Type

Miming and speaking activity

Language Focus

Phrasal verbs

Aim

To guess phrasal verbs from mimes.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

Here is a fun miming game to help students review some commonly used phrasal verbs.

Procedure

Divide the class into two teams (A and B).

Ask a player from Team A to come to the front of the class.

Give the player a mime card and ask him or her to read out the introduction on the card, which tells the teams what information they are looking for, e.g. 'You are looking for a place and two phrasal verbs'.

The player then performs the mime on the card.

Team A has two minutes to guess the information they are looking for.

If Team A does this successfully, they score two points.

If Team A hasn't guessed successfully after two minutes, Team B can try to answer for one point.

Afterwards, a student from Team B comes to the front of the class and so on.

This continues with teams taking it in turns to mime until all the cards have been used.

The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.

Some of the mimes are for two people. When two people are needed, it is indicated in the introduction on the card. In these cases, invite two players from the same team to come to the front of the class.

As an alternative, students can play the game in competing pairs or small teams.

You are looking for a place and two phrasal verbs.

Mime

You are in bed. You wake up and turn off the alarm clock.

You are looking for a place and a phrasal verb.

Mime

You are checking in at an airport.

You are looking for a place and a phrasal verb.

Mime

You are standing at a bus stop waiting for a bus.

You are looking for a place and two phrasal verbs.

Mime

You are at a restaurant. You sit down and look at the menu.

You are looking for a kind of food and a phrasal verb.

Mime

It's your birthday! Blow out the candles on your birthday cake.

You are looking for a place and two phrasal verbs.

Mime

You are at a petrol station. You fill up your car and drive off without paying.

This mime is for two people. You are looking for a place and two phrasal verbs.

Mime

You go into a cafe and see a friend sitting at one of the tables. Your friend looks sad. Go over and try to cheer him or her up.

This mime is for two people. You are looking for a place and two phrasal verbs

Mime

You are working at a checkout in a supermarket. The barcode scanner breaks down. The customers get really angry. You try to calm them down.

You are looking for two objects and two phrasal verbs

Mime

You are on a park bench. It starts to rain. Do up your coat and put up your umbrella.

You are looking for an object and two phrasal verbs.

Mime

You are reading a newspaper when you see a picture of your favourite film star. Cut the picture out and put it up on the wall.

This is a mime for two people. You are looking for a place and one phrasal verb

Mime

You are in a clothes shop and you bump into an old friend.

This is a mime for two people. You are looking for a place and two phrasal verbs.

Mime

You are at a train station, seeing your friend off. Your friend gets on the train and you wave goodbye.