

Activity Type

Speaking Game: miming, forming sentences, guessing (group work)

Focus

Christmas traditions and activities

Present continuous

Aim

To practice Christmas traditions and the present continuous tense.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards and cut as indicated.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

Here is a Christmas game to practice Christmas traditions and the present continuous tense. In the game, teams guess what Christmas traditions or activities students are doing from mimes.

Procedure

Divide the class into two teams.

Explain that the aim of the game is for the teams to guess what Christmas traditions or activities students are doing from mimes.

One team begins by choosing a team member to do the first mime.

The chosen student comes to the front of the class.

Give the student a mime card.

The student then asks the class 'What am I doing?' and performs the mime on the card.

When a member of either team thinks they know what Christmas tradition or activity the student is doing, they call out their answer by making a present continuous sentence, e.g. 'You are singing a Christmas carol.'

Students must say the exact words on the mime card to win.

The first student to guess the sentence scores a point for their team.

A student from the other team then comes to the front of the class, and so on, until all the cards have been used.

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

If you think your students may be too shy to mime in front of the class, they can play the game in small teams.

Christmas Mimes

You are singing a Christmas carol.

You are making a Christmas card.

You are baking Christmas cookies.

You are wrapping Christmas presents.

You are making a snowman.

You are writing a letter to Santa.

You are watching a Christmas movie.

You are drinking hot chocolate.

You are decorating a Christmas tree.

You are putting up Christmas decorations.

You are listening to Christmas music at home.

You are waking up early on Christmas morning to open presents.

You are lighting a Christmas candle.

You are shopping for Christmas presents.

You are hanging Christmas lights.

You are opening a Christmas card.

You are eating Christmas dinner with your family.

You are leaving cookies and milk out for Santa on Christmas Eve.