Activity Type
Reading, listening and speaking activity, pairwork

Language Focus
Common verbs

Aim
To complete a crossword with common verbs by guessing missing words in sentences.

Preparation
Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level
Beginner

Time
20 minutes

Introduction
In this fun verbs activity, students complete a crossword with common verbs by guessing missing words in sentences.

Procedure
Divide the students into pairs (A and B).

Give each student a corresponding A or B worksheet.

Have the pairs of students sit face to face and tell them not to show their crossword to their partner.

Explain that both students have the same crossword, but Student A has the verbs across and Student B has the verbs down.

The students’ task is to listen to clues given by their partner in order to guess the missing verbs in the crossword.

Students then take it in turns to ask their partner for a clue to one of the missing verbs in their crossword, e.g. 'What's 1 down?'

Their partner then reads the sentence for that verb using the word 'blank' where the verb should go.

The student then tries to guess the verb.

If the student guesses the verb successfully, they write it in the crossword.

If not, their partner continues to give more clues until the student is able to guess the word.

When the students have finished, they check their answers and spelling by comparing worksheets.
Clues across

3. I'm hungry. I _________ something to eat. (want)
5. Please _________ in and take a seat. (come)
7. They _________ coffee in the morning. (drink)
8. Can you _________ me? (hear)
9. The children _________ TV in the afternoon. (watch)
11. We will _________ trains at the next station. (change)
15. I _________ English and Spanish. (speak)
16. Do you _________ chocolate? (like)
17. I sometimes _________ fast food. (eat)
18. _________ one, get one free! (buy)
20. I can't _________ my keys. (find)
21. I will _________ you in class tomorrow. (see)
Clues down

1. Let's _________ to the cinema tomorrow. (go)
2. Tom likes to _________ comic books. (read)
3. I _________ in a bank. (work)
4. Please _________ it away. I don't want it. (take)
5. Can you _________ me tonight? (call)
6. We _________ to the radio every morning. (listen)
10. They _________ in London. (live)
12. I _________ one brother and two sisters. (have)
13. Teachers _________ too much homework. (give)
14. Do you _________ football? (play)
15. I _________ English every day. (study)
19. Excuse me, can I _________ your pen? (use)