

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Game: forming sentences, asking and answering questions, matching, freer practice, (group work)

Focus

Present continuous yes/no questions and short answers

Present continuous negative statements

Aim

To play a card game where you ask and answer present continuous yes/no questions and make present continuous negative statements.

Preparation

Make one copy of the game boards and one copy of the picture cards for each group of four. Cut the boards and cards out as indicated. For groups of three, discard one game board and its six corresponding picture cards.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this present continuous game, students ask and answer present continuous yes/no questions and make present continuous negative statements.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of four.

Give each student in the group a game board and give each group a set of picture cards.

Go through the picture cards and elicit the various activities.

Ask the students to shuffle the picture cards and place them face-down in a pile on the desk.

Explain that the students are going to play a card game where they ask present continuous yes/no questions in order to find matching pictures.

The aim of the game is to be the first player to match all the pictures on their game board with picture cards from the pile.

The first player begins by taking the top picture card from the pile without showing it to anyone.

The player then says three things that aren't happening in the picture by making three negative present continuous statements with the corresponding subject pronoun from the picture, e.g. 'He isn't studying. He isn't walking a dog. He isn't playing tennis.'

The other players then ask present continuous yes/no questions to find out if the picture matches with one on their board, e.g. 'Is he surfing?'

The player, who receives the 'yes' response, takes the picture card and places it on the matching picture on their board.

The next player then picks up a picture card and says what isn't happening in the picture, and so on.

If a player picks up a picture card that matches with one on their own board, they put the picture back at the bottom of the pile and take another picture from the top.

The first player to complete their board with matching pictures wins the game.

Game boards x 4



Picture cards

