

Activity Type

Miming and speaking activity, group work

Language Focus

Present continuous affirmative sentences beginning with 'You are...'

Aim

To guess present continuous sentences from mimes.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards and cut as indicated.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This entertaining miming game can be used to teach or review the present continuous tense.

Procedure

Begin by asking the students to watch you and guess what you are doing. Mime a simple activity and encourage the students to call out their answers in the present continuous tense, e.g. 'You are washing the dishes'.

When the students have guessed what you are doing, tell them that they are going to play a similar game in teams.

Divide the class into two teams.

Explain that the aim of the game is for the students in the teams to guess present continuous sentences from mimes.

Tell the students that all the sentences are present continuous affirmative sentences beginning with 'You are...'

One team goes first and chooses a team member to do the first mime.

The chosen student comes to the front of the class and is given a present continuous sentence card.

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

When a member on either team thinks they know what the student is doing, they call out their answer by making a present continuous sentence, e.g. 'You are eating a pizza'.

Team members must say the exact words on the mime card to win. The first student to guess the sentence wins a point for their team.

Then, a student from the other team comes to the front of the class and so on.

The game continues with teams taking it in turns to mime a sentence 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 embarrassed to mime in front of the whole class, they can play the game in small teams.

You are singing in the shower.

You are eating spaghetti.

You are washing clothes.

You are lifting weights.

You are flying a kite.

You are waiting for the bus.

You are carrying a heavy bag.

You are playing badminton.

You are riding on a roller coaster.

You are doing your homework.

You are giving a presentation.

You are watching a comedy.

You are looking in the mirror.

You are driving a bus.

You are writing a love letter.

You are feeling drunk.

You are running up some stairs.

You are having a massage.

You are listening to hip hop music.

You are taking a test.