

Activity Type

Miming and speaking activity, group work

Language Focus

Making requests
Hotel vocabulary

Aim

To guess hotel requests from mimes.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for every eight students and cut as indicated.

Level

Low intermediate

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this entertaining activity, students play a game where they mime and guess hotel requests.

Procedure

Tell the students to imagine that they are at a hotel reception in a country where they can't speak the language, and that they have to make requests to the hotel receptionist by mime.

Explain that each request begins with 'can' or 'could'.

Divide the students into teams of four and have each team pair up with an opposing team.

Give each pair of teams a set of cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile in front of them.

A student from one team picks up a card and mimes the request to the two teams, e.g. 'Could you help me with my suitcase?'

The students in both teams watch the mime and call out their ideas.

The student who is miming points and nods at students who provide accurate guesses until someone says the exact request on the card.

The first student to say the correct request scores a point for their team.

A student from the other team then picks up a card and continues with the second mime and so on.

This continues until all the cards have been used.

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

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Could you help me with my suitcase?

Can I have an extra key card?

Could you tell me how to call room to room?

Could I have a room with a view?

Can you tell me what time the swimming pool opens?

Could I have a twin room for one night?

Could you send a bottle of champagne to my room?

Could you tell me where the gym is?

Can I have a late check out?

Could I order room service?

Can I pay by credit card?

Can I have my room cleaned?

Could you tell me where the restaurant is?

Can I change some money?

Can I have a non-smoking room?

Could you tell me the Wi-Fi password?

Could you send an extra pillow to my room?

Could I have a double room for two nights?

Could you tell me what time the restaurant closes?

Can I have a wake up call for seven o'clock tomorrow morning?

Could you call me a taxi to take me to the airport?

Could I order a sandwich for room 207?