Activity Type
Reading, listening and speaking activity

Language Focus
Present continuous affirmative sentences
Antonyms and synonyms

Aim
To describe present continuous sentences, without saying the sentence or using three words on a card.

Preparation
Make one copy of the cards and cut as indicated.

Level
Pre-intermediate

Time
35 minutes

Introduction
In this lively teaching activity, students describe present continuous sentences in a game of taboo.

Procedure
Divide the class into two teams (A and B).

Tell the class that they are going to describe present continuous sentences in a game of taboo.

Explain that the aim of the game is for a player to get his or her teammates to say a present continuous sentence on a card, but the player cannot say the sentence or use the three words on the card.

A player from Team A comes to the front of the class and is given a taboo card.

The player then tries to describe the present continuous sentence to his or her team, without saying the sentence or using the three words on the card.

The player is also not allowed to use any variations of the words on the card, e.g. dancing, dance, dancer, etc.

If Team A successfully guesses the sentence within two minutes, they win a point. If they are unsuccessful, Team B has one chance to guess the sentence and steal the point.

Then, a player from Team B comes to the front and is given a card and so on.

Teams continue taking it in turns to play until all the cards have been used.

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

This game can also be played in small teams.
They are dancing the tango.
- music
- moving
- partner

She is giving a presentation.
- talk
- speech
- speak

He is cooking in the kitchen.
- meal
- food
- make

They are skiing down a mountain.
- winter sport
- snow
- downhill

They are playing football.
- kick
- ball
- sport

They are eating pizza.
- Italian food
- round
- cheese

He is having a shower.
- bathroom
- soap
- water

He is surfing the Internet.
- computer
- website
- World wide web

He is doing his homework.
- study
- write
- home
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<td>They are cleaning the house.</td>
<td>tidy, wash, brush</td>
<td>They are flying kites.</td>
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<td>She is riding her bicycle.</td>
<td>wheels, bike, cycling</td>
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<td>He is teaching English.</td>
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