

## Activity Type

Vocabulary Activity: unscrambling, matching, guessing (group and pair work)

## Focus

Public places

## Aim

To practice vocabulary for public places.

## Preparation

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

## Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

## Time

20 minutes

## Introduction

In this public places activity, students explain why people went to different public places and match the reasons with the places.

## Procedure

Divide the students into two groups (A and B).

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

Working together, students unscramble sentences on their worksheet and then match each name with a public place according to their sentence.

Afterwards, check the answers with each group.

Student A - Answer key

James: He wanted to try a new yoga class. (gym)

Maria: A new painting by Picasso had arrived. (museum)

Tatyana: She needed to buy some medicine. (pharmacy)

Mario: His friend had invited him to go swimming. (pool)

Lee: He wanted to have a beer with his friends. (bar)

Sergey: His little sister had asked to play badminton. (park)

Joyce: She had to finish a school project. (library)

Ismail: He had received tickets for a new show. (theatre)

Student B - Answer key

Marcos: He had broken his arm. (hospital)

Antonia: A new baby elephant had arrived. (zoo)

Noor: She had a meeting with her English professor. (university)

Claudio: He wanted to go dancing. (club)

Sofia: She hadn't eaten lunch and was hungry. (cafe)

Abel: He had tickets for the football match. (stadium)

Esther: She wanted to walk on the sand. (beach)

Arturo: He had forgotten to buy fruit. (market)

Next, students pair up with someone from the other group and take it in turns to ask their partner where the people at the bottom of their worksheet went, e.g. 'Where did Marta go?'

Their partner then reads the sentence for that person using the word 'blank' for the missing place, e.g. 'Marta went to the 'blank' because she wanted to see a new film.'

The other student listens to the clue and tries to guess the place from the choices provided. When the student guesses correctly, they write the place in the space provided.

**Student A**

**A. You wanted to meet with your friends yesterday, but each person you asked already had plans. Put the words in the correct order to make sentences. Then, match each place below with a friend's name according to their sentence.**

library    gym    pharmacy    bar    pool    museum    park    theatre

Name	Place	Reason
James		..... yoga / he / a / to / try / new / wanted / class
Maria		..... had / Picasso / new / by / a / painting / arrived
Tatyana		..... buy / needed / medicine / to / some / she
Mario		..... his / to / him / go / had / invited / friend / swimming
Lee		..... his / wanted / friends / have / he / to / beer / with / a
Sergey		..... to / little / had / play / asked / sister / his / badminton
Joyce		..... she / to / project / a / had / school / finish
Ismail		..... show / tickets / received / new / for / had / a / he

**B. Ask your partner where each friend went, e.g. 'Where did Marta go?' Listen to your partner's clue and try to guess the place from the choices below. When you guess correctly, write the place in the space provided.**

When it's your turn to read a clue, use the word 'blank' for the missing place, e.g. 'Marta went to the 'blank' because she wanted to see a new film.'

market    university    zoo    hospital    beach    club    cafe    stadium

1. .... Marcos	2. .... Antonia	3. .... Noor	4. .... Claudio
5. .... Sofia	6. .... Abel	7. .... Esther	8. .... Arturo

**Student B**

**A. You wanted to meet with your friends yesterday, but each person you asked already had plans. Put the words in the correct order to make sentences. Then, match each place below with a friend's name according to their sentence.**

market    university    zoo    hospital    beach    club    cafe    stadium

Name	Place	Reason
Marcos		..... he / arm / broken / had / his
Antonia		..... baby / had / a / elephant / new / arrived
Noor		..... she / English / meeting / her / with / had / a / professor
Claudio		..... dancing / wanted / to / go / he
Sofia		..... she / lunch / hungry / and / eaten / was / hadn't
Abel		..... tickets / he / had / match / the / football / for
Esther		..... she / sand / wanted / to / the / on / walk
Arturo		..... he / forgotten / fruit / had / buy / to

**B. Ask your partner where each friend went, e.g. 'Where did Marta go?' Listen to your partner's clue and try to guess the place from the choices below. When you guess correctly, write the place in the space provided.**

When it's your turn to read a clue, use the word 'blank' for the missing place, e.g. 'Marta went to the 'blank' because she wanted to see a new film.'

library    gym    pharmacy    bar    pool    museum    park    theatre

1. .... James	2. .... Maria	3. .... Tatyana	4. .... Mario
5. .... Lee	6. .... Sergey	7. .... Joyce	8. .... Ismail