

### Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity, group work

### Language Focus

Countries

Continents

Currencies

Capital cities

### Aim

To listen to clues and guess which country someone comes from.

### Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each group of three and cut as indicated.

### Level

Elementary

### Time

25 minutes

### Introduction

In this entertaining teaching activity, students play a game where they listen to clues and guess which country someone comes from. This activity covers countries, continents, currencies and capital cities.

### Procedure

Begin the activity by picking a country that is not on the cards, e.g. Italy.

Explain to the students that they are going to play a game where they listen to clues and guess which country you come from.

Make three sentences about your chosen country that covers the information on the cards. As you speak, write the clues on the board.

Example:

I come from a country in Europe.

The currency is the euro.

The capital city is Rome.

Elicit the answer and write it on the board, e.g. 'You come from Italy'.

If the students don't guess the answer, give extra clues, e.g. 'My country is famous for spaghetti and pizza'.

Next, divide the students into groups of three.

Give each group a set of cards. Ask the students to shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile on the desk.

Students then take it in turns to pick up a card and use the information on the card to make three sentences about where they come from.

Encourage the students to use full sentences and follow the written example on the board.

The first group member to guess where the student comes from wins and keeps the card.

If the group members don't guess the answer, the student gives additional clues about the country.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

**Cuba**

**Continent:** North America

**Currency:** peso

**Capital:** Havana

**Brazil**

**Continent:** South America

**Currency:** real

**Capital:** Brasilia

**Russia**

**Continent:** Europe & Asia

**Currency:** ruble

**Capital:** Moscow

**Saudi Arabia**

**Continent:** Asia

**Currency:** riyal

**Capital:** Riyadh

**Egypt**

**Continent:** Africa

**Currency:** pound

**Capital:** Cairo

**India**

**Continent:** Asia

**Currency:** rupee

**Capital:** New Delhi

**Kenya**

**Continent:** Africa

**Currency:** shilling

**Capital:** Nairobi

**Peru**

**Continent:** South America

**Currency:** nuevo sol

**Capital:** Lima

**China**

**Continent:** Asia

**Currency:** yuan

**Capital:** Beijing

**Turkey**

**Continent:** Europe & Asia

**Currency:** lira

**Capital:** Ankara

**Greece**

**Continent:** Europe

**Currency:** euro

**Capital:** Athens

**Canada**

**Continent:** North America

**Currency:** dollar

**Capital:** Ottawa

**Jamaica**

**Continent:** North America

**Currency:** dollar

**Capital:** Kingston

**Syria**

**Continent:** Asia

**Currency:** pound

**Capital:** Damascus

**England**

**Continent:** Europe

**Currency:** pound

**Capital:** London

**South Africa**

**Continent:** Africa

**Currency:** rand

**Capital:** Pretoria

**The USA**

**Continent:** North America

**Currency:** dollar

**Capital:** Washington, D.C.

**Japan**

**Continent:** Asia

**Currency:** yen

**Capital:** Tokyo

**Thailand**

**Continent:** Southeast Asia

**Currency:** baht

**Capital:** Bangkok

**Germany**

**Continent:** Europe

**Currency:** euro

**Capital:** Berlin

**Vietnam**

**Continent:** Southeast Asia

**Currency:** dong

**Capital:** Hanoi