

Activity Type

Writing, drawing and speaking activity, group work

Focus

Present continuous

Aim

To guess what people are doing in a picture using the present continuous tense.

Preparation

None

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

Here is an imaginative ESL drawing game for practicing the present continuous tense.

Procedure

Ask the students to write down three present continuous sentences, starting with: He, She and They.

Examples:

He is playing football.

She is drawing a picture.

They are eating pizza in a restaurant.

Tell the students not to show or tell anyone their sentences.

Next, divide the students into two teams (A and B).

One student from Team A comes up to the board with their three sentences.

Team A then has one minute to guess as many of the student's sentences as possible.

The student begins drawing one of their sentences on the board.

The student is not allowed to speak or write anything.

If Team A guess the sentence before one minute is up, the student draws their next sentence for Team A to guess.

Team A scores one point for each sentence they guess correctly within the one-minute time frame.

A student from Team B then comes up to the board and so on.

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