

Activity Type

Miming and speaking activity, group work

Focus

Present continuous

Aim

To guess present continuous sentences from mimes.

Preparation

Write present continuous 'You are...' sentences on slips of paper, e.g. 'You are eating a pizza.'

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

This ESL miming game can be used to practice or review the present continuous tense.

Procedure

Divide the students into two teams.

A student from one team comes to the front of the class and is given a present continuous sentence to mime.

The student asks the class 'What am I doing?' and mimes the sentence on the card.

When a member on either team thinks they know, they give their answer, e.g. 'You are eating a pizza.'

If the team member is correct, they score a point for their team.

If not, the student continues with the mime.

When a sentence has been correctly guessed, a student comes up from the other team and so on.

The first team to ten points wins the game.