

Activity Type

Speaking Game: drawing pictures from prompts, guessing, forming questions (pair work)

Focus

Requests with *Can you...?*

Aim

To practice making requests with *Can you...?*

Preparation

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

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this creative making requests game, students draw pictures of requests and try to guess requests from pictures a partner has drawn.

Procedure

Tell the students that you are going to draw a picture of a request using *Can you...?* and that they have three chances to guess the request.

Draw a picture for 'Can you close the door?' For example, an open door.

See if the students can guess what the request is within three guesses.

Next, tell the students that they are going to draw similar situations where people make requests.

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

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

Ask the students to draw the requests on the worksheet in the corresponding numbered squares.

While the students are drawing, go around and help them with ideas on what to draw.

When everyone has finished drawing their pictures, hand out some scissors and have the students cut the worksheet as indicated.

Students then pair up with someone from the other group and give their partner the drawings.

Next, students take it in turns to guess the *Can you...?* requests from their partner's pictures.

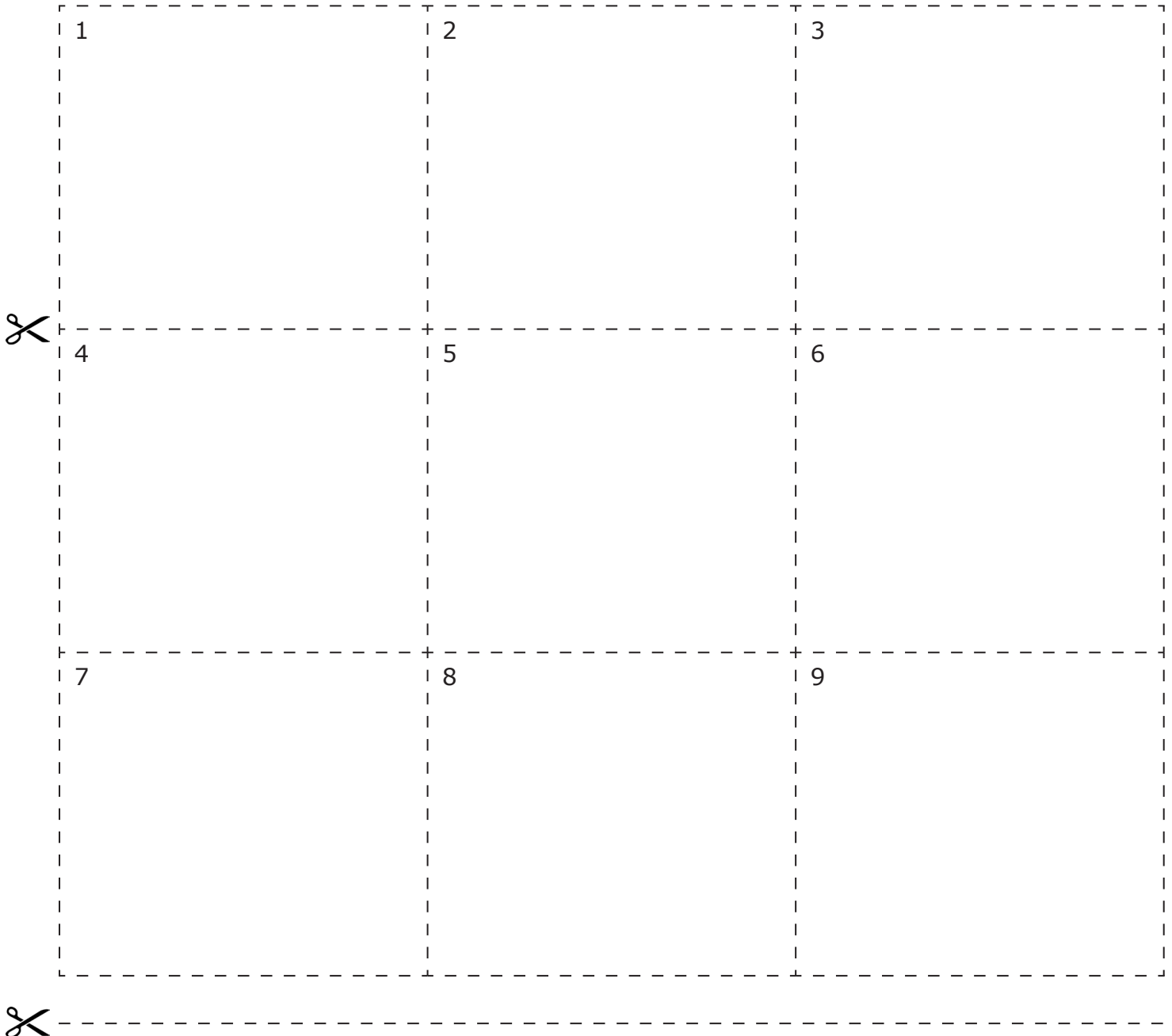
Students get three chances to guess the request in each picture.

If a student guesses correctly on the first try, they score three points. On the second try, they get two points. On the third try, they score one point.

The student with the most points at the end of the game is the winner.

Student A

Draw the requests below in the numbered squares.



1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

Requests:

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| 1. Can you open the door? | 6. Can you turn on the light? |
| 2. Can you clean the kitchen? | 7. Can you stop talking? |
| 3. Can you pass me a pen? | 8. Can you turn the music down? |
| 4. Can you tell me the time? | 9. Can you take off your shoes? |
| 5. Can you help me with my bags? | |

Student B

Draw the requests below in the numbered squares.

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

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Requests:

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| 1. Can you open the window? | 6. Can you buy me an ice cream? |
| 2. Can you go to the shop for me? | 7. Can you bring me a cup of coffee? |
| 3. Can you make me a sandwich? | 8. Can you meet me tomorrow? |
| 4. Can you turn on the air conditioner? | 9. Can you wash the dishes? |
| 5. Can you take me to the airport? | |