

Activity Type

Grammar Game:
describing, guessing,
forming sentences (group
work)

Focus

Present continuous
affirmative sentences

Antonyms and synonyms

Aim

To describe present
continuous sentences,
without saying the
sentence or using three
words on a card.

Preparation

Make one copy of
the cards and cut as
indicated.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this present continuous game, students describe present continuous sentences for others to guess, without saying the sentence or using certain words.

Procedure

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

Tell the class that they are going to describe present continuous sentences in a game of taboo.

Explain that the aim of the game is for a student to get their teammates to say a present continuous sentence on a card, without saying the sentence or using the three words on the card.

A student from Team A comes to the front of the class and is given a taboo card.

The student then describes the present continuous sentence to their team, without saying the sentence or using the three words.

The student is also not allowed to use any variations of the words on the card, e.g. dancing, dance, dancer, etc.

If Team A successfully guesses the sentence within two minutes, they score a point.

If they are unsuccessful, Team B has one chance to guess the sentence and steal the point.

A student from Team B then comes to the front, and so on.

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

This game can also be played in small teams.

They are dancing.



music
moving
partner

She is giving a talk.



presentation
speech
speak

He is cooking in the kitchen.



meal
food
make

He is skiing down a mountain.



winter sport
snow
downhill

They are playing football.



kick
ball
sport

They are eating pizza.



Italian food
round
cheese

He is having a shower.



bathroom
soap
water

He is surfing the Internet.



computer
website
World wide web

He is doing his homework.



study
write
home

She is watching TV.



series
screen
programme

She is reading a book.



words
story
pages

She is painting a picture.



brush
colour
drawing



They are cleaning the house.



tidy
wash
brush

They are flying kites.



wind
string
air

She is riding her bicycle.



wheels
bike
cycling

He is teaching English.



student
classroom
language

He is playing the guitar.



musician
instrument
string

He is climbing a mountain.



up
rope
hill