

Activity Type

Reading, miming and speaking activity, group and pair work

Focus

Winter activities
Present continuous

Aim

To play a board game where you mime and guess winter activities.

Preparation

Make one copy of the game board and cards for each group of four. Cut the cards out as indicated. Also, provide a dice and two counters for each group.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this fun winter activities board game, students perform winter-related mimes for a teammate to guess.

Procedure

Divide the students into competing pairs (Two teams of two).

Give each group of four a copy of the game board, a set of cards, a dice and two counters. Each group will also need a stopwatch.

Ask the students to shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile on the table.

Tell the students that they are going to play a board game where they race another team along the board in order to reach home first and get out of the cold.

Explain that as the students move along the board they have to mime winter activities for their partner to guess in order to progress through the game.

The students then take it in turns to pick up a card from the top of the pile, without showing it to their partner.

The student with the card then mimes the winter activity on the card to their teammate.

Their teammate has one minute to guess what winter activity their partner is doing by making an appropriate present continuous sentence, e.g. 'You are riding on a sled'.




During this time, the other team times them. If the student is able to guess the winter activity and make the correct sentence, the team rolls the dice and moves their counter along the board.

If not, they stay on the same square and don't roll the dice.

The card is then placed at the bottom of the pile and it's the other teams turn to play.

Team members should take it in turns to mime each time and the person performing the mime is not allowed to speak.

The first team to reach the finish is the winner.

<p>FINISH</p> <p>Congratulations! You've arrived home. You can sit by the fire and relax.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Pick up a card</p>	<p>25</p> <p>You are chased by a polar bear. Miss a turn.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Pick up a card</p> 
<p>20</p> <p>Pick up a card</p>	<p>21</p> <p>You fall through the ice and get wet. Go back one space.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pick up a card</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pick up a card</p>
<p>19</p> <p>You are given a ride on a snowmobile. Go forward one space.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pick up a card</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Pick up a card</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pick up a card</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Pick up a card</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pick up a card</p>	<p>14</p> <p>You are caught in a blizzard. Miss a turn.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Pick up a card</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Pick up a card</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Pick up a card</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pick up a card</p>	<p>8</p> <p>You receive a free hot chocolate. Go forward one space.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Pick up a card</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pick up a card</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pick up a card</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pick up a card</p>
<p>3</p> <p>An icicle falls on your head. Go back one space.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pick up a card</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Pick up a card</p> 	<p>START</p> <p>It's -30 degrees outside! You need to get home and out of the cold fast.</p>

Race through the Snow



You are riding on a sled.	You are entering an igloo.	You are skiing down a hill.	You are dodging a snowball.
You are shovelling snow.	You are putting on a scarf.	You are making an angel in the snow.	You are making an igloo.
You are making a snowman.	You are ice fishing.	You are hanging up your jacket.	You are wiping the snow off your boots.
You are ice skating.	You are riding a snowmobile.	You are putting on your mittens.	You are clearing snow off a car window.
You are throwing a snowball.	You are making a fire.	You are eating hot soup.	You are walking through deep snow.
You are walking on ice.	You are trying to keep warm outside.	You are snowboarding.	You are driving on an icy road.
You are making hot chocolate.	You are playing ice hockey.	You are cutting down a Christmas tree.	You are decorating a Christmas tree.