

Activity Type

Vocabulary and Listening
Activity: crossword,
reading clues, guessing,
gap-fill (pair work)

Focus

Common verbs

Aim

To complete a crossword
with common verbs by
guessing missing words
in sentences.

Preparation

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

Level

Beginner (A1)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this fun verbs activity, students complete a crossword with common verbs by guessing missing words in sentences.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs (Student A and B).

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

Tell the students not to show their crossword to their partner.

Explain that both students have the same crossword, but Student A has the verbs across and Student B has the verbs down.

The students' task is to listen to clues given by their partner in order to guess the missing verbs in the crossword.

Students then take it in turns to ask their partner for a clue to one of the missing verbs in their crossword, e.g. 'What's 1 down?'

Their partner then reads the sentence for that verb using the word 'blank' where the verb should go.

The student then tries to guess the verb.

If the student guesses the verb successfully, they write it in the crossword.

If not, their partner continues to give more clues until the student is able to guess the word.

When the students have finished, they check their answers and spelling by comparing worksheets.

Student A



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5	C	O	M	E										
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			7	D	R	I	N	K	8	H	E	A	R	
			9	W	A	T	C	H						
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			11	C	12	H	A	N	13	G	E			
	14								15	S	P	E	A	K
	16	L	I	K	E			17	E	A	T			
		18	B	19	U	Y								
		20	F	I	N	D								
		21	S	E	E									



Clues across

- 3. I to eat a pizza. (want)
- 5. How do you to school. (come)
- 7. They coffee in the morning. (drink)
- 8. Can you me? (hear)
- 9. The children TV in the afternoon. (watch)
- 11. We will trains at the next station. (change)
- 15. I English and Spanish. (speak)
- 16. Do you to study English? (like)
- 17. I rice for lunch. (eat)
- 18. I will a drink at the shop (buy)
- 20. I can't my book. (find)
- 21. I will you in class tomorrow. (see)



Student B



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⁵ C	O		E		O			A	
A			A	⁶ L	R			K	
L		⁷ D		I		K		⁸ E	
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			⁹	T					
				E				¹⁰ L	
		¹¹	¹² H		N	¹³ G		I	
			A			I		V	
	¹⁴ P		V			V		¹⁵ S	
	¹⁶ L		E		¹⁷ E		T		
	A						U		
	¹⁸	¹⁹ U	Y				D		
		S					Y		
²¹		E							



Clues down

1. Let's to class now. (go)
2. Tom likes to books. (read)
3. I as a doctor. (work)
4. Did you my bag? (take)
5. Can you me on the phone? (call)
6. We like to to this song. (listen)
10. They in London. (live)
12. I one brother and two sisters. (have)
13. I will you some money. (give)
14. Do you football? (play)
15. I English every day. (study)
19. Can I your pen? (use)

