

Activity Type

Speaking Activity:
unscrambling, matching,
controlled practice (pair
work)

Focus

Imperatives

Aim

To give instructions using
imperatives.

Preparation

Make a copy of the cards
for each pair of students
and cut as indicated,
keeping the word
cards and picture cards
separate.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

15 minutes

Introduction

In this imperatives activity, students make a treasure map by giving each other instructions using imperatives.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs.

Give each pair a set of word cards and a set of picture cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the word cards and place them face-down in a pile on the desk, placing the star card at the bottom and to spread the picture cards out face-up on the desk.

Students then take turns picking up a word card without showing it to their partner.

The student then arranges the words on the card in the correct order to make a command, e.g. 'Climb the mountain.'

Their partner listens to the command and finds the corresponding picture.

The two students then place the two cards together face-up on the table.

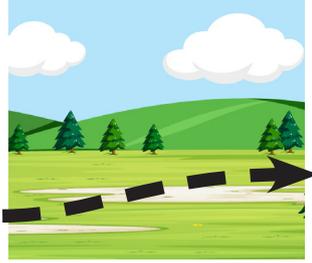
This process continues until the students complete the instructions to the treasure chest which is the bottom word card in the pile.

If students finish quickly, they repeat the activity and create a new map.

Answer key (any order is possible)

Turn right.
Turn left.
Climb the mountain.
Cross the river.
Jump over the rocks.
Run through the forest.
Go straight on.
Walk to the beach.
Swim across the lake.
Swim to the island.
Go through the field.
Open the box.



right turn		left turn	
mountain climb the		the cross river	
rocks over the jump		the run forest through	
on go straight		the walk beach to	
the swim across lake		to swim the island	
go field through the		 box open the	