

Activity Type

Miming, Grammar and Speaking Game: guessing, forming sentences (group work)

Focus

Present continuous

Aim

To guess present continuous sentences from mimes.

Preparation

Write present continuous *You are...* sentences on slips of paper, e.g. 'You are eating a pizza.'

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

This ESL miming game can be used to practice or review the present continuous tense.

Procedure

Divide the students into two teams.

A student from one team comes to the front of the class.

Give the student a present continuous sentence to mime.

The student asks the class 'What am I doing?' and mimes the sentence on the card.

When a member on either team thinks they know, they give their answer, e.g. 'You are eating a pizza.'

If the team member is correct, they score a point for their team.

If not, the student continues with the mime.

When a sentence has been correctly guessed, a student comes up from the other team and so on.

The first team to ten points wins the game.