

Activity Type

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

Focus

Present perfect continuous

Aim

To use the present perfect continuous to guess what people have been doing from mimes.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards and cut as indicated.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this present perfect continuous game, students mime what they have been doing for others to guess.

Procedure

Explain that the students are going to play a miming game where they guess what someone has been doing using the present perfect continuous.

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

A student from Team A comes to the front of the class.

Give the student a card.

The student asks the class, "What have I been doing?"

The student then has two minutes to mime the sentence on the card to their team.

During these two minutes, the members of Team A can ask the student questions about what they have been doing to which the student can nod yes or no.

If Team A guesses the sentence within two minutes, they score two points.

The sentence must be exactly the same as what is written on the card to win.

If Team A don't guess the sentence within the time frame, Team B has one chance to guess the answer for one point.

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

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

This game can also be played in competing pairs or small teams.

What have I been doing?



You have been singing in the shower.



You have been eating spaghetti in an Italian restaurant.



You have been doing the housework.



You have been working out at the gym.



You have been flying a kite in the park.



You have been painting your house.



You have been watching a 3D film.



You have been playing badminton at the sports centre.



You have been riding on a roller coaster.



You have been doing your homework in the library.



You have been studying for an exam all night.



You have been sunbathing on the beach.



You have been cooking dinner.



You have been arguing with your girlfriend/boyfriend.



You have been driving a bus.



You have been teaching English to the class.



You have been talking to your friend on the phone.



You have been shopping for shoes at the mall.



You have been cycling up a hill.



You have been dancing in the rain.

