

Activity Type

Reading, listening and speaking activity, group work

Language Focus

Present simple and present continuous

Aim

To play a guessing game where you describe present simple or present continuous sentences for other students to guess.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each group of three or four and cut as indicated.

Level

Low intermediate

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this entertaining teaching activity, students play a guessing game where they describe present simple or present continuous sentences for other students to guess.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a set of sentence cards.

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

The students then take it in turns to pick up a card and describe the sentence on the card using other present simple or present continuous phrases.

Students can use the verb on the card but they are not allowed to say the sentence or clusters of words within the sentence.

For example, if the card read 'I get up late on Sunday', the student might say 'Monday to Saturday, I get up at 6 o'clock in the morning. The other day, I get up at 11 o'clock in the morning. I like to sleep in on that day'.

The other group members listen and then try to guess the sentence.

The first group member to correctly guess the sentence wins and keeps the card.

If the group members are having problems guessing the exact sentence, a close enough answer can be accepted.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game is the winner.

If need be, have the students practice describing present simple and present continuous sentences using other phrases before they begin the game.

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I get up late on Sunday.	I'm studying hard for an exam at the moment.	I read various kinds of books.
I'm feeling unwell.	I live in a big house.	I'm staying in London for the next two weeks.
I usually ride my bike to school.	I'm meeting a friend after class.	I exercise at the gym every day.
I'm learning to cook at the moment.	I always check my email in the morning.	I'm thinking about where to go on holiday.
I love my new pet dog.	I'm starting piano lessons soon.	I never eat junk food.
I'm visiting my grandparents this weekend.	I don't wear glasses.	I'm watching a good TV series at the moment.
I always go shopping for clothes on Saturday.	I'm looking for a new job.	I sleep eight hours a night.
I'm making a website at the moment.	I practice speaking English every day.	I'm having a bad day.