

Activity Type

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

Focus

Present simple and present continuous

Aim

To 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

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this present simple vs. present continuous game, students 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.

Students then take turns picking up a card and describing the sentence on the card using present simple or present continuous sentences.

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 race 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.

Guess the Sentence



I'm staying in London for the next two weeks.	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 get up late on Sunday.
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 don't wear glasses.	I never eat healthy food.
I'm visiting my grandparents this weekend.	I'm starting piano lessons soon.	I'm watching a good TV series at the moment.
I'm having a bad day.	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 always go shopping for clothes on Saturday.