

Physical Movement Mime

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game:
miming, guessing (group
work)

Focus

Actions

Aim

To practice common
verbs related to physical
movement.

Preparation

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

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this actions game, students read sentences and then mime or guess the missing verbs of physical movement.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of four, comprising of two teams of two.

Give each group a set of cards.

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

Allocate one student in each team to be the timekeeper.

Tell the students that they are going to play a game where they mime missing action verbs in sentences for a teammate to guess.

Students then take turns picking up a card and reading the sentence using the word 'blank' for the missing action verb.

At the same time, the other team starts timing 30 seconds.

The reader then mimes the missing action verb shown in brackets on the card to their partner, who tries to guess it.

If the student successfully guesses the verb within 30 seconds, the team wins and keeps the card.

If not, the other team has one chance to guess the verb and steal the card.

If nobody manages to guess the verb, the card is removed from the game.

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

As a variation, you can play the game as a class with the students in two teams. Students take turns coming to the front of the class, picking up a card, reading the sentence, and miming the missing verb. The first team to say the correct physical movement verb scores a point.

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

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Every weekend, I in the park. (run)	Everybody wanted to the new baby. (hold)
The children like to on the bed. (jump)	People sometimes on wet floors. (fall)
On sunny days, I to work. (walk) this button to turn on the computer. (push)
The teacher asked the students to (sit down)	If you on the door, it will open. (pull)
At the end of class, students (stand up)	We usually the baby when he cries. (pick up)
Children like to trees. (climb)	When you finish the exam, your pen. (put down)
Many people in the summer. (swim)	If you, you can see the ocean. (turn)
Let me these bags to your room. (carry)	You should the juice before you open it. (shake)
People like to at parties. (dance)	We couldn't the heavy box. (lift)
You should the ball outside. (throw)	Tennis players must the ball very hard. (hit)
He tried to the ball. (catch)	The child tried to the fish. (touch)
When people see a camera, they usually (smile)	It's rude to at people. (point)
In football, players must the ball. (kick)	I my hair every morning. (brush)