

Activity Type

Miming and speaking activity

Language Focus

'be going to' for future plans

Aim

To watch mimes and guess what is going to happen next.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards and cut as indicated.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this entertaining game, students mime the actions leading up to a planned activity. Teams watch the mimes and guess what is going to happen next.

Procedure

Demonstrate the activity by choosing one of the cards and miming the actions you would do before the planned activity marked on the card, but don't do the activity itself. Stop just before and ask the class 'What am I going to do next?'

Have the students guess what is going to happen next using the phrase 'You're going to...', until one of them correctly guesses the sentence.

Tell the students that they are going to play a similar miming game to practice 'be going to' for future plans.

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

Decide which team is going to play first and ask them to choose a player to come to the front of the class and do the first mime.

The player takes a card and mimes the actions they would do in preparation for the planned activity marked on the card, but stops just before and says, "What am I going to do next?"

Explain to the class that when the player asks the question only members of his or her team are allowed to call out an answer.

Team members should consult before answering. If the player's team answers correctly, they score two points.

If the player's team gives the wrong answer, the other team is allowed to guess for one point.

Then a player from the other team comes to the front of the class and so on.

Continue until all the mime cards have been used.

The team with the highest score at the end of the game wins.

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

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You're going to have a test.

You're going to paint a picture.

You're going to make a speech.

You're going to lift some weights.

You're going to cook dinner.

You're going to go on a date.

You're going to have a baby.

You're going to parachute from an airplane.

You're going to buy a puppy.

You're going to dive into a swimming pool.

You're going to see the dentist.

You're going to go jogging.

You're going to get on a bus.

You're going to get into bed.

You're going to eat a delicious meal.

You're going to ski down a mountain.

You're going to climb a mountain.

You're going to run in a race.

You're going to light a fire.

You're going to write an email.