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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Aim

To practise describing actions in progress

Language

Present continuous, e.g. *He's watching TV. He's getting into the taxi.*

Vocabulary

(as shown on cards)

Skills

Speaking

Lesson link

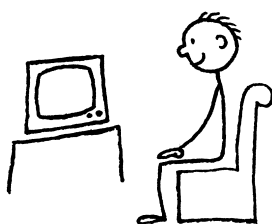
Use after Classbook Lesson 13

Materials

One set of cards per pair or group, cut up

Pre-activity (5 minutes)

- Introduce the students to the game. Tell them that you are going to draw on the board and that they have to guess the sentence you are drawing, e.g.



He's watching TV.



He's getting into a taxi.

Demonstrate two or three examples if necessary.

Procedure (25 minutes)

- Pre-teach the vocabulary on the worksheet where necessary.
- Divide the class into pairs or groups of four.
- Give each pair or group a set of cards, cut up and shuffled.
- Tell the students to take it in turns to pick up a card and draw a picture describing it for their partners or group. The partners have to guess the sentence. The students have a time limit of ten minutes to do as many sentences as possible. The first pair or group to complete all the sentences within the time limit is the winner.
- If everyone is still playing the game after ten minutes, extend the time limit as necessary.

Variation

- Play as a miming game instead of a drawing game. Tell the students to guess the action using the second person singular, e.g. *You're making a cup of tea.*

Extension activity

- The students make a new set of cards to use with their partners.

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They're picking apples.	She's meeting her boyfriend.
He's getting on a motorbike.	He's jogging in the park.
She's taking a photograph of a friend.	She's window-shopping with a friend.
They're sunbathing in the garden.	They're looking at the stars.
He's eating snails.	He's skiing through the trees.
She's making a cup of tea.	He's playing basketball.
He's doing the washing up.	She's putting on make-up.
They're watching the sunset.	He's making a chocolate cake.
She's jumping into a river.	He's buying a postcard.
She's surfing the Net.	They're walking in the rain.