

7.2 Short activities

Charades

Focus: recycling vocabulary in a fun way.



Charades is a well known miming game where players have to guess a word, title or sentence from a series of mimes. Simple language can be used to make guesses.

The person who is 'on' can only nod their heads 'yes' or shake 'no'.

The players must use yes/no questions in their guesses.

1. In class, choose a chapter unit from a text book that you have just completed (or else use the keywords from your English Language Support Activity Units). Students need to have the textbooks/lists of keywords with them.
2. Give everyone a couple of minutes to go through the chapter and choose at least 3 subject related words that they think they can mime (this will speed up the game).
3. Begin by demonstrating an example, such as the following:

History, Year I, unit 4

Word: Drawbridge

Mime 1	draw
Mime 2	bridge

Word: Battering ram

Mime 1	battering
Mime 2	ram

4. Encourage everyone to join in, have fun, and to recycle their vocabulary. You can also monitor the language used in asking questions, and use it later for analysis/revision work.