

Scrambled questions

Aims

Practice asking and answering present continuous questions.

Language focus

Grammar

Present continuous questions

Set-up

Pair work or group work

Lesson link

For use after Unit 9, Lesson C

Time

20 minutes

Preparation

Duplicate one copy of the worksheet for each pair or group of three to four students. Cut cards apart to make one set of cards for each pair or group. You may wish to include some blanks cards in the set. See **Option** below.

- When a pair or group has finished forming questions, have them ask and answer the questions. Encourage them to give extra information and to ask follow-up questions. Make note of any errors or problems to review later.
- End the activity promptly after 20 minutes. Have each group share a few questions and interesting answers with the class.
- Option:** If you include blank cards in set, students can use them to write their own words and make additional questions.

Answer Key

Possible questions:

What are you doing these days?
 What are your friends studying?
 What music are you listening to these days?
 What classes is your friend taking?
 Are you taking a class?
 Is your friend studying for an exam?
 Are your classmates looking for a job?
 Is your family doing anything special these days?

Procedure

- Tell students they are going to arrange words to make questions and then ask and answer the questions in pairs or groups.
- Put students in pairs or groups of three to four. Distribute cards. Each pair or group should have one set of cards.
- Model the activity. Use a pair or group's cards to form the question *What are you doing these days?* Have students ask you the question, then answer it. Add extra information, for example: *I'm learning French these days. I'm taking a French class on Thursday nights. I'm also reading a good book about Mexican food.*
- Have pairs or groups work to arrange the cards into questions. As students are working, walk around to monitor the activity and help as needed. Tell students that there are many correct ways to arrange the cards. They should make at least 6 to 8 questions.

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