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Sketches

Here is a simple drawing game to help students practice present continuous yes/no questions and answers.

Procedure

Start by drawing a picture of someone doing something on a piece of paper. Make sure no students see what you are drawing.

Then, ask the class to try to guess what the person you have drawn is doing using present continuous yes/no questions.

You reply using short answers. Before they start asking questions, tell the students whether the picture is of a man, woman or two people.

Example: You draw a boy watching TV.



Teacher: It is a picture of a boy.

Student 1: Is he moving?

Teacher: No, he isn't.

Student 2: Is he eating something?

Teacher: No, he isn't.

Student 3: Is he watching something?

Teacher: Yes, he is.

Student 4: Is he watching TV?

Teacher: Yes, he is.

Once the students have guessed what the person is doing, split the class into pairs.

Give each pair some paper.

Students then take it in turns to draw a picture and their partner tries to guess what the person in the picture is doing by asking present continuous yes/no questions. The student who has drawn the picture replies using short answers.

Remind the students to alternate the people in their sketches by drawing a man in one picture, a woman in the next picture and two people in the following picture. This will give the students more practice at the different forms, e.g. she is, they are, etc.

You could also play this game as a class or in teams or groups by getting the student who guesses correctly to draw someone doing something for the others to guess.