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PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

Competency: C1.5 Basic Grammar, Vocabulary and Sentence Structure

Element 2: Understand and use grammatically correct sentences.

Performance Criteria:

Level 1-1.3 Apply basic grammar rules, such as subject-verb agreement and proper word order.

Purpose of Activity: This activity will develop students' ability to use the Present Continuous Tense.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the activity, students should be able to:

- identify the Present Continuous Tense.
- explain when Present Continuous Tense is used.
- use Present Continuous Tense in sentences.

Resources and materials:

• Flashcards, Ludo Board

Teaching trajectories/Implementation Guidelines:

Activity 1: What is happening during recess?

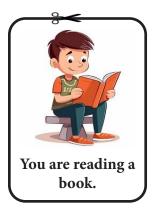
- 1. Carry out a discussion on the picture. The following questions can be asked:
 - -What is Alexandre doing now?
 - -What is Sephora doing now?
 - -What is Yuvish doing now?
 - -What are Rihanna and Kersley doing?
 - -What are Shania and Rehan doing?
- 2. Assist the students in reading the sentences provided.
- 3. Draw attention to the time marker (now) and how verbs are formed in the present continuous tense.

Activity 2: Matching

- 1. Ask students to observe the pictures and to say what they are showing.
- 2. Assist students in matching Part A to Part B to form a complete sentence.
- 3. Draw the attention of the students to the pronouns, the auxiliary verbs and the use of '-ing' in the verbs.

Activity 3: Mime the actions

1. Cut out the following flashcards and place them in a bowl.

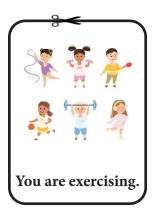


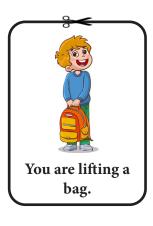


You are counting stars.

















- 2. Students take turns to draw a sentence from the bowl.
- 3. Give some time to each student to mime the sentence for the class to guess.
- 4. Once they have guessed the actions, get them to say a sentence to describe the action using the following structure:

'You are verb+ ing....'

Activity 4: What are they doing in the park?

- 1. Get students to discuss what they see in the picture.
- 2. Guide students to form sentences using the given verb in the present continuous tense while describing the picture.
- 3. Assist students in writing the present continuous form of the verb in the given sentences.

Activity 5: What are they doing in town?

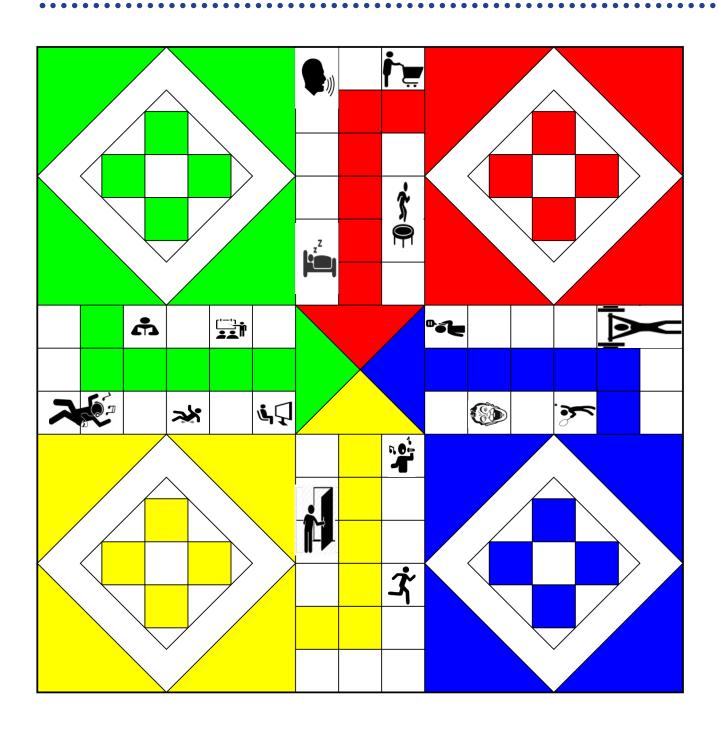
- 1. Get students to discuss the picture.
- 2. Assist students in writing sentences with the given words using the present continuous tense of the verbs.
- 3. Students read their sentences in front of the class.

Activity 6: Write sentences using the present continuous tense.

- 1. Get students to discuss the picture.
- 2. Assist students in writing sentences using the present continuous tense.
- 3. Students read their sentences in front of the class.

Activity 7: Let's play Ludo!

- 1. Put students in groups of four. Allocate a colour to each student.
- 2. Show the Ludo board to students and explain the game to them.
- 3. Each student chooses and cuts out a token character.
- 4. Students take turns to roll a dice and move their token accordingly. If they fall on a grid featuring an action, they have to make a sentence using a verb in the present continuous tense. (e.g. He is playing badminton.) If a student cannot make a sentence, the teacher should provide the sentence that the student should repeat.
- 5. The student who reaches his/her home first wins the game.





Assessment:

Students form the present continuous tense correctly.

Extension of Activity:

Students write short paragraph using the Present Continuous tense.