

Verb Game
What are you doing?
Edlanet'ih-a

Suggested Time: 10-20 mins

Level: Beginner to Advanced

Description:

This game can be played in small groups of four or with a whole class. The whole class version of the game is played with two lines facing each other in single file near a white board. The first two people take turns asking each other "What are you doing?" Edlanet'ih-a

Students must correctly say the action they are doing and provide a physical action while saying the phrase. I am ...(action word). For example if a student says I am sleeping they can put their hands together and rest their head on their hands. If a student says I am eating they can pretend to eat with their hands.

A student should continue to do the action and then ask the next student what they are doing. When a student is unable to say a new phrase they move to the back of the line.

Example:

Partner A: Edlanet'ih-a

Partner B: Thestɨ

Partner B: Edlanet'ih-a

Partner A: Shestɨ

Partners are switched out once someone is unable to think of a new action word.

Variations:

Beginners to the game should be given multiple opportunities to play and do actions. As players become better you can keep score and make it a competition. Each side getting points for correctly saying the phrase and making an action. Verbs should not be repeated so that students can develop their vocabulary once they move beyond the beginner level.

Suggested Verb List

English

Chipewyan

I am sleeping

Thitî

I am eating

Shestî

I am sitting

Thesda

I am drinking

Hesdâ

I am walking

Thesgâl

I am crawling towards

Thesgol

I am cooking

Hest' éth

I am dancing

Dastâi

I am hunting

Nászé

I am pushing

Beresní

I am running

Habasal

I am singing

Hesjÿn