

20 What are they doing?

Language aim

- present continuous
- verbs

Vocabulary

- *eating, drawing, reading, sleeping, talking, opening, painting, writing, jumping, sitting, pointing, singing, cleaning, phoning, asking, listening, watching, closing, having.*

Starters focus

An important element of the Starters test is connecting sentences in the present continuous with pictures or parts of a picture.

Procedure

- 1 Hand out copies of the puzzle. Hold up a copy, and point to each monkey in turn. What is he (or she) doing? For each picture, elicit the word from the key below. Write in random order on the board any words which seem to be new to some or all of the class, and check pronunciation. Leave them on the board.
- 2 Pupils then complete the puzzle. Go round helping if necessary, and point out any spelling errors.
- 3 Finally, students write the mystery sentence in the space provided. (*We are learning English.*)

Key

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| 2 eating | 11 sitting |
| 3 drawing | 12 pointing |
| 4 reading | 13 singing |
| 5 sleeping | 14 cleaning |
| 6 talking | 15 phoning |
| 7 opening | 16 asking |
| 8 painting | 17 listening |
| 9 writing | 18 watching |
| 10 jumping | 19 closing |
| | 20 having |

Additional activities

1 Miming game

Organise the class into two or more teams. Mime a verb from your coursebook. Ask, *What am I doing?* The first team to guess what you are doing wins a point. Continue with further verbs. Once the game is established, get pupils to do the miming (whisper or write on a piece of paper the verbs you want them to mime).

2 Silly pictures

Copy or photocopy this grid, and cut up the cards (alternatively, just point to the required sentence). In turns, pupils come to the board, receive a card, and draw a picture to illustrate the sentence. The rest of the class try to guess what the sentence is.

He is eating a book.
She is sitting on a giraffe.
The dog is having a bath.
The elephant is swimming.
She is walking in the sea.
The cat is eating a banana
The bird is watching television.
He is sleeping in a tree.
The crocodiles are playing football.
The fish is flying.
The elephants are jumping.
The teacher is sleeping in the classroom.

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16 a question

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18 c TV

19 a window

20 a bath

What's the sentence?
