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## **Get in on the Act IV: Charades**

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## Introduction

**Objective:** to use grammar and vocabulary

**Level:** Suited to any level depending on difficulty

**Duration:** approx. 30 minutes, or longer

**Materials:** cards

*Charades* is a popular party game that can be easily adapted to the ESL Classroom. It gets students up and out of their seats, and if you have good actors in the class, it can be a lot of fun.

This package the game is used to practice:

- ◆ present progressive (beginner level)
- ◆ past progressive tense (intermediate to advanced)
- ◆ vocabulary: extreme sports (advanced)

## Directions

1. Divide the class into teams. The number of teams will depend on the size of the class. Cut out the strips and put them in a hat or deep container.
2. Roll a die to see which team goes first. A student from the first team pulls a strip and if necessary, the teacher can take the student out of the room and offer some tips. Without speaking, the student acts out the situation or concept on the strip in front of the class and the first team to guess correctly gets a point. When practicing grammar points, the guessing team should answer in a complete sentence.
3. It's a good idea to give students a time limit.

**You're reading a book.**

**You're sleeping.**

**You're cooking dinner.**

**You're writing a letter.**

**You're listening to music.**

**You're driving a car.**

**You're playing soccer.**

**You're eating a sandwich.**

**You're drinking coffee.**

**You're putting on a coat.**

**You're jogging.**

**You're watching t.v.**

**You're shopping.**

**You're taking a picture.**

**You're looking at your watch.**

**You're taking a shower.**

**You're waiting for the bus.**

**You're checking e-mail.**

**You're looking for a key.**

**You're counting money.**

**You're brushing your teeth.**

**You're swimming.**

**I was flying to the moon.**

**I was figure skating.**

**I was dancing the tango.**

**I was practicing the saxophone.**

**I was listening to music.**

**I was making a shopping list.**

**I was having a party.**

**I was doing the laundry.**

**I was waiting for a friend.**

**I was singing in the shower.**

**I was working out at the gym.**

**I was skydiving.**

**I was water skiing.**

**I was climbing a mountain.**

**I was having a nightmare.**

**I was fixing the kitchen sink.**

**I was walking in the rain.**

**I was picking cherries.**

**I was catching butterflies.**

**I was whale watching.**

**I was building a fire.**

**I was mowing the lawn.**

**I was digging a hole.**

**I was reading my e-mail.**

**I was cleaning the house.**

**I was playing chess.**

**I was riding a horse.**

**I was meditating.**

**I was painting the room.**

**I was tasting wine.**

**I was knitting a sweater.**

**I was chopping wood.**

**I was taking a bubble bath.**

**I was waiting at the bus stop.**

**I was planting a garden.**

**I was washing the car.**

**I was doing a crossword puzzle.**

**I was looking for my keys.**

**I was playing a computer game.**

**I was writing an essay.**

**I was fishing in a river.**

**I was cleaning the house.**

**I was golfing.**

**I was hanging a picture.**

**I was washing my hair.**

**I was eating spaghetti.**

**I was getting on a plane.**

**I was putting on make-up.**

**bungee jumping**

**scuba diving**

**marathon**

**triathlon**

**white water canoeing**

**mountain biking**

**rock climbing**

**mountain climbing**

**hang gliding**

**skateboarding**

**sky diving**

**helicopter skiing**

**snowboarding**

**ski jumping**

**motocross racing**

**dog sledding**

**surfing**

**ice climbing**