

Activity 6: Charades

Interaction: Whole class

Aim: To raise energy levels and practice speaking

Preparation: Cut up one small piece of paper per student

Time: 15–20 minutes

Procedure

- 1 Divide the class into two teams.
- 2 Give a piece of paper to each student and ask them to write down the English title of a famous movie or book. Take back the pieces of paper.
- 3 Explain that you are going to play charades, a game in which you can only use actions to help the other players guess the name of a book or movie. If the students don't know how to play charades show them how to mime the following:
 - movie (left hand up forming a "lens," right hand "winding film")
 - book (hands open side by side, palms up)
 - sounds like (pull ear)
 - number of words (hold up appropriate number of fingers)
- 4 Give the students an example by miming Star Wars.
- 5 The first team to guess the answer correctly starts the game.
- 6 Continue for as long as you like or until all the pieces of paper have been used.

Additional ideas

- To make it more competitive, award points for every correct guess.