

## B2.9 Puzzles and Games

### You can learn:

- How to use relative clauses in a 'game like' activity.
- How to enrich your vocabulary by learning new adjectives.

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**Discuss the questions in the box with your partner. They are all related to the topic of puzzles and games.**

- Do you enjoy playing games, doing crosswords or solving puzzles? Do you have a favourite game?
- Can you play chess, draughts, or backgammon?
- Do you like board games like Monopoly? Why?
- Do you think language learning can be made more enjoyable by doing 'game like' activities?
- When you were a child, what games did you enjoy playing? Did you play computer games? Do you now?
- Do you know any card games? Can you play well?
- Are you a good loser, or do you get angry?
- Have you ever done an I.Q. test? ?
- Do you think such tests are really a good way to measure somebody's intelligence? Why/why not?
- Which do you think is more important I.Q., or emotional intelligence? Why?

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**Now try some puzzles and games with your partner. Firstly, see how quickly you can solve the puzzle below:**

***Four men decided to get healthy by taking up a sport. Within a month something had happened to all of them. Can you work out each man's job, the sport they took up and what happened to them?***

- a.) The man who broke his nose wasn't the footballer.
- b.) The footballer, who sprained his ankle, isn't a teacher.
- c.) Alex Smith, who is a doctor, hates swimming.
- d.) The sprained ankle didn't happen to James Black, who hates violence of any kind.
- e.) The man who broke his nose was the swimmer.
- f.) The man who got an ear infection took up boxing.
- g.) The man who works as a teacher is Tony Jones.
- h.) Mark Bell, who isn't a florist, took up gymnastics and won a competition.

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|                   | James                 | Mark                  | Tony                  | Alex                                |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Teacher           |                       |                       |                       | <input type="radio"/>               |
| Doctor            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Florist           |                       |                       |                       | <input type="radio"/>               |
| Architect         |                       |                       |                       | <input type="radio"/>               |
| Footballer        |                       |                       |                       |                                     |
| Swimmer           |                       |                       |                       |                                     |
| Boxer             |                       |                       |                       |                                     |
| Gymnast           |                       |                       |                       |                                     |
| Won a competition |                       |                       |                       |                                     |
| Broken nose       |                       |                       |                       |                                     |
| Sprained ankle    |                       |                       |                       |                                     |
| Ear infection     |                       |                       |                       |                                     |

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Next, there is a game in England called "My Neighbour's Cat".

To play, you have to think of adjectives to describe your neighbour's cat. They don't have to make a lot of sense, but they do have to begin with each letter of the alphabet in the correct order.

Let me begin: "My neighbour's cat is an...(A) an agile cat, (B) a beautiful cat, (C) a clever cat." Now you continue with your partner, taking each letter in turn. You can learn a lot of new adjectives this way!



D? E? F? G? H? I? J? K? M? N? O? P?  
Q? R? S? T? U? V? W? X? Y? Z?

*My neighbour's cat is a delightful cat...*

*My neighbour's cat is an elegant cat...*

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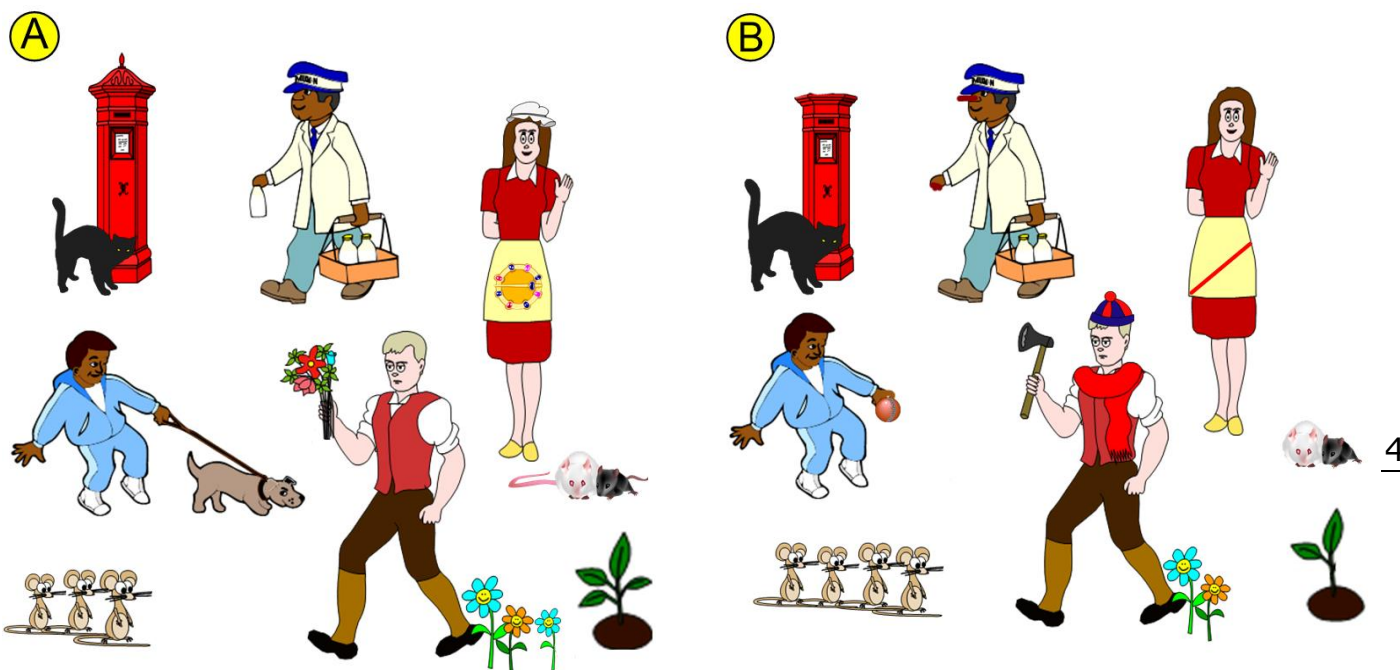
Another activity is called 'Odd One Out'. Decide why one word in each group of words in the box is different from the others and say why.

1. angry happy violence jealous
3. dog cat bird tiger
5. shark cow human sheep
7. stone coal paper grass

2. handsome muscular macho pretty
4. Calcutta Paris Mumbai Delhi
6. snow money people water
8. flood famine drought war

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**5**  Next, look at the two pictures below. There are thirteen differences between the two pictures. Can you see what they are (and talk about them in English)?



**6**  This game is based on a popular radio programme in the U.K. called "Just a Minute". You must talk about the subjects in the box for 60 seconds without repeating yourself, hesitating or changing the subject. Take it in turns to choose a topic.

- Cloning    The Colour Red    Recycling    Mobile Phones    The Welfare State  
Being a Mother    Cleopatra    Ghost Stories    Computer Problems

**7**  Now write ten quiz questions about your country. Can your partner answer them?

*1.) Which river flows through London?*

