

Skills for Life – Step 2

# Activity 2: Activities at home (CEFR A1)

Level:

Pre-Entry Step 2

45 minutes

Time:

#### **Resources:**

- ✓ Pictures of well-known people
- ✓ Handout
- ✓ Realia and large
- pieces of paper✓ Room labels

## Aims:

- $\checkmark\,$  To develop skills and knowledge in speaking and listening at Pre-Entry Step 2
- $\checkmark\,$  To develop students' ability to talk about activities at home
- $\checkmark\,$  To practice using the present continuous
- $\checkmark\,$  To learn vocabulary for rooms in the home and some common household objects

#### Exam task focus: All

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Procedure	Materials
Start by saying We are going to talk about what we do at home. Ask students Where do you live? Do you live in a flat?	Use pictures if necessary
Elicit vocabulary for different places (some may be in hostels or hotels if in emergency housing). Build-up spider gram on board.	
To elicit present continuous, use MIME Ask <b>What am I doing?</b>	
Mime and elicit – some suggested language - You are cooking. You are reading. You are watching TV. You are sleeping. You are playing football. You are having a shower. You are having dinner/breakfast.	
Grammar focus	
See LANGUAGE NOTES below	
Introduce vocabulary and practice of present continuous short answers	Realia of wooden spoon, pot, plate,
Set out on the Floor a plan of an apartment. If you have a large poster size paper, that would be ideal. Do not label the rooms yet but put a picture of an object in each room to represent it. (eg kitchen = spoon or pot, bathroom = shower gel or towel.)	mug, TV remote, book, towel, shower gel, football,





Have labels ready on strips of paper and encourage students to walk around and try and guess which room is before sharing out the labels for them to match them to the "rooms".	gardening tool)
Students return to seats and practise saying the names of the rooms as you indicate them.	Large pieces of paper
	Room labels
Language in context: telephone conversation with an aunt that wants to know everything	Pictures of well-known people
Have the questions boarded or on a flip chart.	
Ask one confident student pretend to be in the "living room". Tell him/her that he is holding the TV remote. Pretend to phone him/her.	
Model the dialogue with him/her and then when he/she has performed drill the dialogue with the whole class.	
Now get two more students to pretend to be in different "rooms" and repeat the process.	
Finally, in pairs practise the dialogue while pretending to be standing in the different rooms.	
Review	Share handout
Use the handout to review the vocabulary. Some activities can go in more than one place, but some would be silly (eg. playing football in the living Room).	
Students complete the two activities in pairs, and then do a whole class check and get a couple of pairs to demonstrate their dialogues.	

#### **Teaching Approach**

This lesson demonstrates strategies which work well with the typical STEPS profile students, who may have difficulties with literacy skills in their own languages, have had limited schooling or have suffered from trauma.

It is helpful to:

Keep them active in the classroom rather than sitting for the whole session. Try to introduce new vocabulary using concrete objects which they can touch as well as see to stimulate multi-sensory channels.

Contextualise within an authentic communicative context.





## Language Notes

You may find the students already use the present continuous but do not form it correctly. Even superficially fluent speakers may omit the auxiliary verb, so you need to correct this fossilized error. Teaching the correct short answer form (Yes, they are/No, I'm not etc.) helps with this.

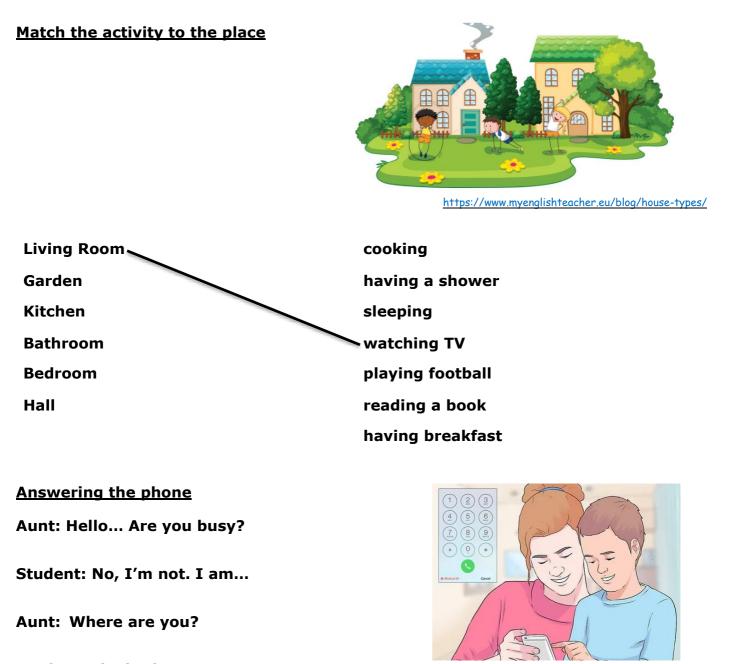
At this stage do not worry too much about correct question form practice (the exam only requires them to understand it) but insist on use of the auxiliary verb in the short answer and the statement.



Activities for Integration (Classroom)

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## Handout Activity: At home



Student: I'm in the... https://www.wikihow.com/Teach-Your-Child-to-Answer-the-Phone