

Unit 8

Creativity contest

Preparation: None, but if you will be using this activity in several classes, you might want to draw the pictures from Procedure step one on paper and make copies.

Procedure:

1. On the board, draw 8-10 pictures of stick people* in various positions. The actions should not be clear. Be sure to include several pictures that include more than one person.

2. On the board, write the following:

At noon yesterday, she *was* ____ing.

he *was* ____ing.

they *were* ____ing.

2. Students work alone. They look at each picture and imagine what the people were doing. For each, they write one sentence using the target sentence.

3. Students work in groups of three. They compare answers. Tell them that it was a creativity contest. Any time they gave an answer that no one else gave, that's a creative answer so they get one point. If all three members gave different answers, they all get a point.

* *Stick people* (also called *pin people*) = very simple drawings. The heads are simply circles. Bodies, arms and legs are each single lines. Remember, the pictures need to be very simple so that different interpretations of the actions are possible.