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Immigrant Centre Manitoba
High Beginner Level: Warm-up Activity
Prepositions Actions
15 minutes



Objective/Goal:

Gives participants the opportunity to practice descriptive words about each other. This warm-up activity is designed to make it fun for participants to interact with each other in a kinesthetic/physical way.

Materials:

Participants need:

- chairs

Facilitator needs:

- whiteboard and whiteboard markers
- Set of prepositions (Attachment #1)
- *Optional: computer (with internet access), projector, and screen

Procedure:

Before the Activity:

- 1) Preview the Youtube clip:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5aBit3wFSIc> (a 31-second video of some commonly-used prepositions)

PART A:

- 2) **Define** and explain prepositions –
“**words in a sentence or phrase that show the relationship between people, places, and time.**”
- 3) **Optional: Play the Youtube clip. * pause the video when examples are shown (:06, :10, :15)**
- 4) **Write** some prepositions on the board.
ex. : *in, out, around, inside, outside*
- 5) **Explain** that you will call out the prepositions and the participants will do the actions.
- 6) **Have** participants stand beside their chairs.
- 7) Choose **10 prepositions** from Attachment #1.
- 8) Participants must **do** the preposition using the chair as their props.



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9) **Correct** the participants' actions, as applicable.

10) **Review** as needed and **try** other prepositions.

Extension Activities:

- *Extension Activities are alternative or extra activities that can be done to supplement the main activity when there is extra time. They can also be done in the next class as a review of previous vocabulary or conversation.*

PART A:

An alternative activity would have the participants do the following (15 minutes):

1. Group participants in 3's.
2. Give each group a set of the prepositions (Attachment #1).
3. Have each group "act-out"/do the prepositions.
4. Circulate among the groups to check for correctness.

For research, please check-out:

<http://www.towson.edu/ows/prepositions.htm>

<http://www.englishclub.com/grammar/prepositions-list.htm>



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Attachment #1: *PREPOSITIONS ACTIONS*

1.

above

2.

across

3.

against

4.

around

5.

behind

6.

below



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7.

beneath

8.

beside

9.

near

10.

down

11.

opposite

12.

on

13.

off



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14.

onto

15.

outside

16.

over

17.

past

18.

round

19.

to

20.

towards



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21. *underneath*

22. *upon*

23. *within*