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In this enjoyable card game, students describe objects using the present passive.

Before class, make one copy of the worksheet for each group of three or four students and cut as indicated.

Procedure

Put the students into small groups of three or four and give each group a set of cards. Tell the students to shuffle the cards, and place them face down on the desk.

Demonstrate the game by picking up one of the picture cards and showing it to the class. Ask the students to make present passive sentences to describe the object. Write their ideas on the board.

For example, if you picked up the picture of the dictionary, students might say: It's made from paper. It's used in the classroom. It's bought by students. It's used to find the meanings of words, etc.

Tell the students to take it in turns to turn over a card and describe the object to the other students in the group using the present passive.

Explain that when the students describe an object, they must use the words: It, They, This or These.

The first student to guess the object wins the card.

The winner is the student with the most cards at the end of the activity.

If you think your students may have problems describing the objects, write some verbs on the board to help them.