



Banff National Park – ESL

Activity One: *Animal Charades (Warm-up or Wind-down)*

CLB 3-7 (Phrases get progressively harder as you go along)

Topic: Wildlife of the Park and Activities of the Park

Goal: To familiarize students with activities available in the national park and to build knowledge of park animals

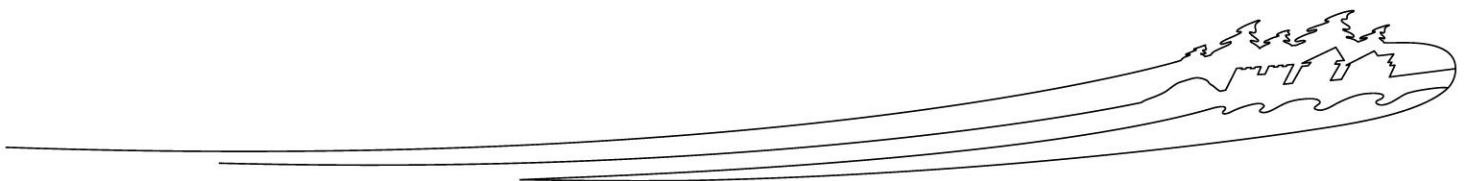
Language Focus: Reading, Speaking

Material: Activity sheet with gerund noun phrases

Grouping: This is a whole group activity in which students participate in small groups of 3-4 students

Activity Outline: One sheet with phrases for the instructor – later phrases for higher CLB levels. Ask one representative from each group to come forward and show them the first phrase. Ensure that each representative understands all of the words in the phrase. Tell representatives that they have to communicate the exact phrase to their group by “acting” the phrase without speaking or writing. Send each back to their group.

Upon the instructor’s signal, each representative acts out the phrase to their group until the first group deduces the phrase. The phrase must be exact with all the prepositions/articles correct. Lower level students take longer to get the phrase but have equally as much fun. Allow dictionaries to be used if needed.



Skating on a Lake

Squirrel Crawling into a Hole

Fish Swimming in a River

Camping Under the Stars

Cougar Climbing a Tree

Cooking Dinner on a Campfire

Hiking Down a Mountain

Bear Eating Some Berries

Sleeping in a Tent

Wolf Howling at the Moon

Listening to a Bird Sing

Getting in a Canoe