7 Great Activities for Teaching the Future Progressive

1 Future Chance

Write several future times on small slips of paper and put them in a hat. Have Ss draw a time from the hat and then tell what they will be doing at that time.

2 Daily Habits

Have your students write down what they do throughout a typical day and the times that they do it. Then, have them share with a partner what they will be doing tomorrow at several times during the day using the future progressive.

3 Weather Through the Year

In groups of 3 or 4, Ss describe what the weather will be doing in each season of the year using the future progressive. (It will be snowing. It will be raining. etc.) Ss describe the weather in their home countries through each season of the year. Ss use the future progressive or the simple future as appropriate.

4 Keep Going

What are your students doing now that they will still be doing tomorrow? Next week? Next month? Next year? Have each student write a sentence for each time and then share his answers with a partner.

5 People Predictions

What will people be doing in 100 years? Warm up by showing your Ss a clip from a science fiction program (e.g. Star Trek, Star Wars, The Jetsons). Ss make predictions about the future of our world using the future progressive.

6 A Predictable Future

Have each person in your class write down what he was doing each hour of the day yesterday. Then have students exchange papers and rewrite their classmates' schedules assuming tomorrow will be the same as yesterday.

7 A Roll of the Dice

Review prepositions of time (IN for a length of time, ON for a specific date, AT for a specific time of the day), then have Ss make predictions about the future using each of those prepositions as necessary. Each person takes turns rolling a six-sided die. She must then incorporate that number into her future prediction. She can use the number in a length of time, for a specific date or for a specific time in the future. Each person tells the class what she will be doing at that point in time.