

Christmas and New Year mimes tense review

Present Continuous mimes

Choose one of these actions and mime it until someone guesses correctly with "You are..."

visiting people	shopping
doing a spring clean	watching a film (= a movie)
watching TV	skating
skiing	sledging
cracking nuts	pulling crackers
carving a roast (e.g. a roast turkey)	telling jokes
eating sweets (= candy)	eating grapes
putting up Christmas decorations	going for a walk
decorating a Christmas tree	arguing
ripping the wrapping paper off a gift	writing Christmas cards
linking arms and singing	singing Auld Lang Syne
praying	giving a toast
putting on a paper party hat	eating/ drinking soup
singing Christmas carols	make an offering of food and/ or drink
knocking on neighbours' doors and singing	playing a musical instrument
making a snowman	throwing snowballs
opening a bottle of champagne	cutting a cake into slices
pouring gravy on to your dinner	putting some meat into the oven
lighting fireworks	watching fireworks
working	travelling by train
dressing up in a Santa Claus costume	kissing someone
hanging up a stocking	putting gifts into a stocking
putting gifts into a shoe	eating fish
lighting candles.	putting decorations on to a cake

Ask about any actions which you don't understand, are not sure how to mime, etc.

Past Continuous mimes

Continue the same game, but shouting "Stop" when you are sure what action it was and guessing with the past sentence "(When I shouted 'stop'), you were..."

Past tenses guessing game

Choose one of the things above and give your partner clues about which one you are thinking about by telling them about you and that thing in the past, e.g. "I have done this once or twice" "I didn't do this last Xmas" "I last did this 3 weeks ago"

Grammar presentation

What are the names of the four tenses in the example sentences above? What are the differences between them?

Which tense or tenses can be used with each of these time expressions?

twice (in my life)	at this time last year
when my mother came in and interrupted me	on Xmas Day
two years ago	when the clock struck 12 (three tenses possible)