

Picture dictation

ACTIVITY TYPE

class and pairwork picture dictation and information transfer

VOCABULARY FOCUS

transport: *lorry, car, train, bus, plane, boat*

LEVEL

1

AGE RANGE

6–8

SKILLS

listening and speaking

TIME

30 minutes

MATERIALS

a copy of the *Picture dictation* worksheet per pupil, an enlarged copy of the *Picture dictation* worksheet, crayons, scissors

Before class

Make a copy of the *Picture dictation* worksheet for each pupil. Also make an enlarged copy of the *Picture dictation* worksheet, colour the pictures and cut them into flashcards.

In class

- 1 Revise or pre-teach the vocabulary and structures in the activity, using the flashcards.
- 2 Give pupils a copy of the *Picture dictation* worksheet. Ask them to cut out the picture cards and the baseboard with boxes numbered 1–6. For younger pupils, you may prefer to do this before class.
- 3 Now explain the activity by example. Place your pictures on the baseboard and then dictate to the class to describe what picture you have got in each box. The idea is for pupils to place a picture in the right box as you dictate, e.g.
In number 1 there's a car.
In number 2 there's a boat.
In number 3 there's a plane.
In number 4 there's a train.
In number 5 there's a lorry.
In number 6 there's a bus.

Note

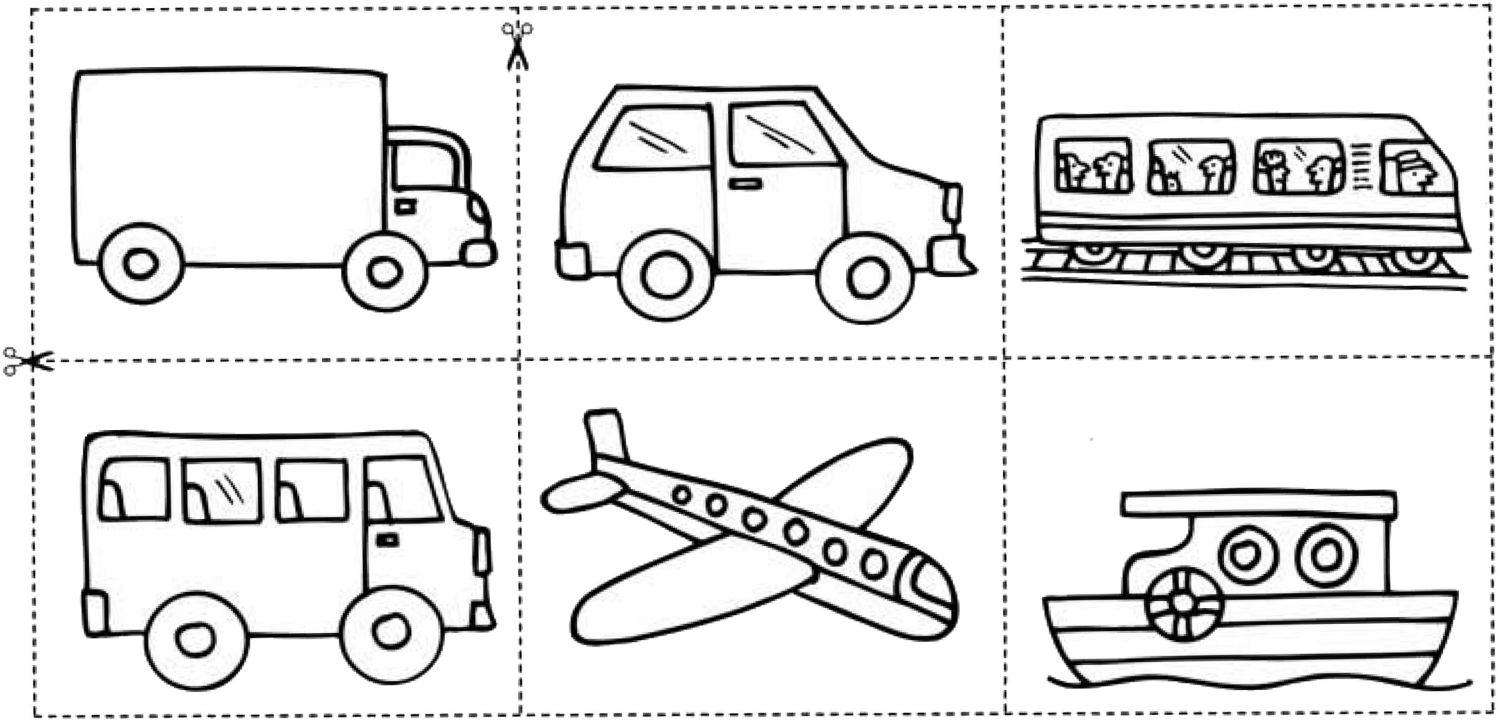
You can change the structure depending on what your class know: *The car is in number 1. / In number 1 I've got a car. / 1 a car.*

- 4 Invite a pupil to place his or her pictures on the baseboard and then dictate to the rest of the class while they place the pictures.
- 5 Arrange the class in pairs: A and B. As place their pictures on the baseboard in secret and then dictate to Bs for them to place their pictures in the right boxes. When they have finished, they compare baseboards. They then change roles.
- 6 Circulate to monitor and check.

Option

With more confident pupils, you can use the same activity to practise question forms. As place their pictures and Bs ask questions, trying to guess the position of each one, e.g. *Is the car in number 2? Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.*

Picture cards



Baseboard

