

TEACHER'S NOTES

**Guessing game: *need***  
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<b>Level:</b> Pre-intermediate
<b>Target age:</b> Secondary / adult
<b>Time needed:</b> 20 minutes
<b>Grammar objective:</b> to practise <i>need to</i> , <i>needn't</i> , <i>Do you need ...?</i>
<b>Materials:</b> one set of holiday cards for each group
<b>Summary:</b> This accuracy-based small group activity practises the correct use of <i>need to</i> , <i>needn't</i> and <i>Do you need ...?</i>

**Note:** As *needn't* is not as common in spoken English, you might want to encourage your students to use *don't need to* instead.

**Before the lesson**

Download enough sets of holiday cards for each group and cut them out.

**Procedure**

1. Put the students in groups of three or four.
2. Give each group a set of cards and ask them to spread them face down on the table.
3. The first player should pick up a card and not show it to the other members of the group.
4. The first player should tell the group two things that he/she needs to pack/get/take on holiday with them based on the holiday card they have chosen. The player should do this without using any of the words on the card. Monitor and assist with any unknown vocabulary, if necessary.
5. The other students should try to guess what holiday destination is written on the card. They can ask questions in the form of *Do you need ...?* The first player should reply with *I need to ...* or *I needn't ...* / *I don't need to ...*
6. The player who guesses the holiday correctly may keep the card.
7. The second player then selects a card and the game continues until all the cards have been used.
8. The player with the most cards at the end of the game is the winner.

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A skiing holiday  
in the Alps

A beach holiday on a  
Pacific island

A mountain-climbing  
holiday in  
the Himalayas

A walking holiday  
in Switzerland

A cycling holiday  
in France

A cruise  
to Antarctica

A year backpacking  
around the world

A trip on buses and  
trains around India