



## Activity: Teacher – You’re Wrong!

**Materials needed:** A variety of pictures showing activity -- things that students can talk about as happening now. Each photo should have at least four things that “are happening” now. Some sample pictures are linked below, but pictures can easily be found in magazines.



**Description:** Show the class a picture and begin to describe what is happening in the picture, using the present progressive. At some point, describe something that isn’t true. When the students hear something that isn’t happening, they should shout out or raise their hand and use the negative present progressive to state the error, followed by a positive statement, if possible.

For example: “The man *isn’t* walking his dog. He is walking a pig!”

It’s important to plan in advance what you want to say about each picture, as well as what false statement you want to make. Not having to search or stumble for things to say will make the activity go more smoothly.

Also, this activity requires thinking of “happening now” from a different perspective. A deceptively simple photo of a man and woman walking and talking in a park may, at first glance, seem to have two or three progressive elements at most.

But in fact:

1. They are walking.
2. The woman is talking.
3. The man is listening to the woman.
4. The man is smiling.
5. The woman is moving her hands.
6. The woman’s hair is blowing.
7. The sun is shining.
8. The woman is looking at the man.
9. The man is wearing brown pants and a hat.
10. The woman is wearing a long skirt.
11. The woman is carrying a purse.
12. The man is touching his tie.
13. They are enjoying themselves.
14. They are falling in love.



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From this point of view, it won’t be that hard to find “action” photos!

**Activity photos:**

<http://www.worldofstock.com/closeups/PWO1380.php>

<http://www.pbase.com/dotfoto/image/51768658>

<http://www.pbase.com/dotfoto/image/51794151>

<http://www.pbase.com/dotfoto/image/57408477>

<http://www.pbase.com/dotfoto/image/59136347>

<http://www.sergiopessolano.it/galleria/nazioni/india/people/pages/IM02-17.htm>

<http://www.sergiopessolano.it/galleria/nazioni/india/people/pages/IC09-06.htm>