

Tom & Jerry – Cat-napping

Level: Elementary

Objective: Prepositions of Place & Movement
Ordering Events
Present Continuous

Video: Tom & Jerry – Cat-napping
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9a8yiizVgo>
Part 1: 3.06 – 4.30
Part 2: 4.30 – 6.50

Auxiliary Vocabulary: to wind, to sink, to bounce, to lick, to fan, to hit, a bat, a hammock, a crank (Use the video to explain these.)

Procedure - Ask the students about Tom & Jerry. Do they like it? Do they ever watch it or similar cartoons? What happens in these cartoons? (Most Turkish students love Tom & Jerry, so I like using them in my classes.)

Tell the students they will watch a clip with Tom and Jerry. Hand out the cut up sentences. I usually split this up into two parts, as it's a bit much for beginners. It depends on the level of the class. For each part, I have the students guess the order of events, watch the video to check their answers, and then watch it a 2nd time with their paper turned over and they have to shout out the sentences. Another option is to have them watch it a 2nd time and fill in the missing prepositions.

Next have the students draw their own 6-slide Tom & Jerry episode. In each slide they should write a present continuous sentence about what's happening. They then present their comic to the class.

Other follow-up activities:

Play another Tom & Jerry Clip and have them write the events as they happen.

Using sequence adverbs, have the students rewrite the sentences in present simple.

After watching the video, have the students tell each other what happened using the past tense.

Part 1

Tom's drinking lemonade in the hammock.

Tom's looking around the hammock.

The frog's jumping inside Tom's stomach.

Tom's bouncing on his butt.

Tom's bouncing on his head.

Tom's bouncing under the table.

The frog's sitting on Tom's head.

Part 2

Jerry's drinking lemonade in the hammock.

Tom's running away from the lawnmower.

Jerry's winding the crank.

Tom's flying through the air.

Tom's flying under a plane and over a bird.

Tom's falling through the air.

Tom's sinking into the water.

The dog's licking a bone in the hammock.

Tom's hitting the dog in the hammock with a bat.

Tom's thinking.

The dog's kicking Tom and Tom's fanning Jerry.

Mixed-up Text

Part 1

The frog's sitting on Tom's head.

Tom's bouncing on his butt.

Tom's drinking lemonade in the hammock.

The frog's jumping inside Tom's stomach.

Tom's bouncing under the table.

Tom's looking around the hammock.

Tom's bouncing on his head.

Part 2

Tom's running away from the lawnmower.

Tom's flying through the air.

Jerry's drinking lemonade in the hammock.

Jerry's winding the crank.

The dog's kicking Tom and Tom's fanning Jerry.

Tom's flying under a plane and over a bird.

Tom's thinking.

Tom's sinking into the water.

The dog's licking a bone in the hammock.

Tom's falling through the air.

Tom's hitting the dog in the hammock with a bat.

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Tom's drinking lemonade _____ the hammock.

Tom's looking _____ the hammock.

The frog's jumping _____ Tom's stomach.

Tom's bouncing _____ his butt.

Tom's bouncing _____ his head.

Tom's bouncing _____ the table.

The frog's sitting _____ Tom's head.

Part 2

Jerry's drinking lemonade _____ the hammock.

Tom's running _____ _____ the lawnmower.

Jerry's winding the crank.

Tom's flying _____ the air.

Tom's flying _____ a plane and _____ a bird.

Tom's falling _____ the air.

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The dog's licking a bone _____ the hammock.

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