## Units 1-2

## Let's risk it

Activity: Semi-controlled sentence writing in groups/pairs
Language: Present simple and present continuous, stative verbs
To use: After Student's Book, page 6
Preparation: Make one copy of the worksheet for each group of four. Cut out the Rules cards.

## Procedure

- Divide the class into groups of four and ask each group to divide into two pairs.
- Give the top section of the worksheet and a set of 12 Rules cards to each group. Tell them to shuffle the Rules cards and place them face down. The worksheet is placed face up for reference.
- Each pair writes the numbers 1-6 down the left side of a blank piece of paper.
- One pair in each group turns over a Rules card. That pair then have 90 seconds (timed by the other pair) to choose a verb from the worksheet and write a sentence next to number 1 on their paper, using their chosen verb and the rule on the Rules card. For example, Rules card: present simple question with $a /$ an/the; Verb: play; Sentence: Do you play the piano?
- The pair then decide how confident they are that their sentence is correct. They look at the Points box on the worksheet and decide how many points they want to risk. They write this number of points next to their sentence.
- Finally, they cross out the verb they used on the worksheet and put the Rules card to one side. Neither the verb nor the Rules card can be reused.
- The pairs then take turns to repeat these steps until all the Rules cards have been used. At this point, you check their sentences and tell them which are correct and which are incorrect (explaining why if necessary).
- The pairs then add up their scores. For each correct sentence, they win the points they risked and for each incorrect sentence, they lose the points they risked. The pair with the most points is the winner.


## Option

Instead of risking points, the pairs compete to be the first to write six correct sentences, using six different verbs, and six different rules. Before you check students' answers, they should check the other pair's sentences.

