

# Mime Time

*An extension of "She swam for her life – now she is swimming for glory"*

The Olympic Games are around the corner – that is why there are three stories about the Olympics in the July issue of *What's Up* (see pages 6, 8 and 20). We can't all be at the Olympics but it doesn't mean we cannot participate in our own way! For a start, let's see how many of the Olympic events you are familiar with. You can do this by playing the following game in class.

## GET READY

1. Cut out the Mime Slips provided. Place the slips in a large envelope.
2. Select a Scorer and a Time Keeper. Divide the remaining students into five teams of about the same size. Name your teams. You may simply call them Team A, Team B and so on, or each team may choose a fancy name for itself.

## PLAY THE GAME

3. Team A starts. A Team A member picks a slip from the envelope. The team gets 30 seconds to read the slip and agree on the actions it will mime. Then, all members of Team A have to mime the sport for the class. The other teams have to guess which sport it is. Guessers should put up their hands and wait for the Scorer to select them one by one. The team of the student who gives the correct answer will score the points stated on that Mime Slip. If no one guesses the correct sport within five minutes, the Time Keeper should call out, "Time's up!" The slip is returned to the envelope.
4. In this way, the teams take turns to mime. Whenever a Mime Slip is drawn for the second time by the same team, it is returned to the envelope. The Time Keeper ends the game when there are ten minutes left.

## AFTER THE GAME

5. The Scorer announces the winning team (that is, the team with the highest points).
6. Next, the class votes for the student who mimed the best. Give that student three cheers!
7. End with a whole-class reflection on these three questions:
  - Which part of this game did you enjoy the most?
  - What were some challenges you faced while playing the game?
  - Was there anything new you learnt about yourself as a result of participating?