2. Mime a sentence

Use this activity to discuss the importance of gesture in communication.

- This is like charades, so it may be necessary to agree at the start actions for 'first word', 'second word' etc, as well as a mime for definite and indefinite articles.
- Whisper a sentence, or give one on a card, to a pupil to mime.
- The others in the group must try to identify the exact sentence by observing the actions of their classmate.
- ◆ This game is made easier if the sentences being mimed are ones which are familiar to the class, which therefore limits your choice. However, to illustrate the importance of gesture, try using familiar language in unfamiliar constructions.
- The children could devise their own sentences.

