

Mime your complaint (Speaking)

- Description:** A guessing game to practice speaking
- Use with or after:** *English Network 2 (New Edition)*, Unit 5, Step 3.
- Skill:** Speaking
- Focus:** Students try to guess the complaint that another student is miming.
- Time:** 10 minutes
- Preparation:**
- Print out the second and third pages of this file (on stiff paper if possible) and cut along the dotted lines. This will give you 16 different prompt cards.
 - Bring along a hat or a bag for the students to draw the prompt cards out of.
- Procedure:**
- Explain the situation: You are in a hotel and have a complaint to make. Unfortunately you can't speak because you have laryngitis (a very bad sore throat), so you have to MIME your complaint. The other students try to guess what your complaint is.
 - Ask one of the students (not the shyest one!) to draw a card out of the hat or bag and do the mime, while the others guess. Encourage them not to give up too quickly, but to go on miming in different ways until the others have got it.
 - Repeat until everyone has had a turn.
 - If you have a large class, you may wish to have them do this activity in groups, to ensure that everyone gets a chance to participate actively.



My room is too cold.

The lift doesn't work.



The coffee at breakfast tasted terrible.

The lights in my room don't work.
It's completely dark in there.



There is no hot water in the shower.

My room is too loud.



My room smells of smoke.
I wanted a non-smoking room.

The key to my room doesn't work.
I can't get in.





The television in my room
doesn't work.

You didn't wake me up on time.



There is no hair dryer
in my room.

My room is dirty.



When I opened the door I saw
somebody else's bags in my
room.

The telephone in my room
doesn't work.



Somebody should wash the
windows in my room.

My room is too small.

