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Name of activity: On the beach ("Vamos a la playa")

Type of activity: card question

Topic: stereotypical behaviour on a (Spanish) beach

Material: cards in different colours, pens in the same colour, whiteboard, glue strip/white tag

Number of learners: 6-8 learners

Language level: A 2

Time: about 20 minutes

Goal: At the end of the activity, the learners will become aware how people from different countries behave on the beach and understand the reactions of the Spanish people – the learners will then read a Spanish information folder with advices about behaviour on the beach (grammar: imperative – very difficult in the Spanish language!)

Possible challenges: The teacher has to remind the learners that they should use the foreign language and help them with the vocabulary if necessary.

Preparation: Classroom with whiteboard, cards, pens, glue strip.

Procedure: The teacher asks the learners to imagine a sunny afternoon on a Spanish beach looking around and watching the people coming from different countries. Then the teacher asks: "How do the people behave?" The learners should take 5 cards and write down their impressions in catchwords. Then they should tag their cards on the whiteboard and together we will cluster the cards and find topics.

Follow up: The next step will be the lecture of a poster of the "Junta de Andalucía" (in our book) which gives advices (grammar: imperative) about behaviour on the beach.

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