**Present Continuous Tense**

**Class time needed for lesson:** 20 minutes

**Class size taught:** 20 students

**Target audience:** All Levels

**Objective:** Students will solidify their confidence in using present continuous tense by playing the Japanese traditional game, Karuta.

**目的：**日本の伝統的なゲームであるかるたを通して、自信を持って現在進行形を使用できるようになる。

**Materials:** Premade Karuta cards

**Procedure:**

1. **Main Activity** 
   1. The teachers will divide students into small groups of 3 or 4.
      1. Students will put their desks together in each group.
   2. Teachers will give each group a set of the Karuta game cards. Each set has a verb and a picture describing the verb.
   3. Teachers will ask all groups to spread out the cards.
   4. Each group will do rock paper scissors. The winner will start the game, then each student in the group will play in turn.
   5. During each round of the game, the player will secretly choose a card by looking at the cards and saying a sentence using the verb or the picture on that card. Other members of the group will look for that card and whoever finds it will take the card.
   6. The game ends when all cards are taken. The student who got the most cards wins. Winners will get a small prize or sticker.

**Additional information:**

This game can be modified to teach a wide range of topics whether it’s present tense, passive voice, or even vocabulary building. Karuta is a traditional Japanese game, so most students will find it fun to play, some are even experts. The aim of this game is to repeatedly speak the sentence structure while having fun so over time it becomes muscle memory and is a much less stressful way to absorb the often boring grammar point.

**How to make Karuta cards:**

Pictures can be found on Google Image, print them out on thick paper or laminate them then cut each one out.