

It's on the cards!
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Activity 1

How many different types of cards can you think of that we use in everyday life?

Activity 2

Match the following phrases to the explanations below.

*to be a card to be on the cards to keep your cards close to your chest
to put your cards on the table to hold all the cards to play your cards right*

1. To be totally open about what you intend to do
2. To be in a position to control a situation
3. To be likely
4. To use good judgement to make the most of a situation
5. To be secretive about your plans or intentions
6. To be eccentric

Activity 3

Use the idiomatic phrases from Activity 2 in the correct form to fill the gaps below.

1. My next door neighbour He has just taken up Latin American dancing at the age of 70!
2. He only started working here last month but he's a fast learner. If he
he could be promoted early next year.
3. Do you think we will have an English test soon? Yes, I think it's, unfortunately.
4. I'm going to I want to marry your daughter.
5. What's he going to do next? I don't know. He
6. Why do we have to do as she says? Because she's

Activity 4

Read the following questions and use them to start a conversation with your partner.

1. Do people in your country have to have identity cards? If so, when were they introduced?
2. In what ways are identity cards a good idea?
3. What documents do you have which contain your personal details?
4. What personal details do you think should *not* be stored on personal identity documents?
5. Identity cards may be introduced in Britain soon. Some members of the public object strongly to this. What do you think their reasons are?

Activity 5

*Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.*

1. When did Britain last have identity cards?
2. Who was Prime Minister when they were abolished?
3. When is the British government planning to start introducing identity cards?
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 6

'Identity cards are a waste of time and money.'

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