

Activity Type

Speaking Activity: asking and answering questions from prompts, guided discussion (group work)

Focus

Getting to know you questions

Giving personal information

Aim

To answer questions about yourself and get to know other students.

Preparation

Make one copy of the alphabet cards and questions for each group of three or four. Cut the alphabet cards out as indicated.

Level

Upper-intermediate (B2)

Time

40 minutes

Introduction

This getting to know you speaking activity can be used as an icebreaker on the first day of class.

Procedure

Divide the class into groups of three or four.

Give each group a set of alphabet cards and a set of questions.

Ask the students to shuffle the alphabet cards and place them face down in a pile on the desk.

Students take it in turns to pick up the top alphabet card from the pile and look at the corresponding topic and question on the worksheet.

The student then tells the group the topic and asks the other students the corresponding question.

Each student answers the question in turn and the students generate a short discussion on the topic.

If a student can't think of an answer or doesn't want to answer, they can always pass.

The next student then picks up an alphabet card and the process continues.

When the students have finished, they share any interesting or surprising information they found out about their classmates.

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

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Achievements: What's your greatest achievement?

Bad habits: What bad habits do you have?

Change: What would you like to change about yourself and why?

Decisions: What's the best and worst decision you ever made?

Education: How has the education you received changed your life?

Food: What's your idea of the perfect three course meal?

Games: What game do you enjoy playing and why?

History: If you could change one event in history, what would that be and why?

Inventions: What's the most important invention in the last 100 years and why is it so important?

Jobs: What would be your dream job and why?

Kissing: When did you have your first kiss?

Language: Why do you want to learn English?

Memories: What's your earliest memory?

Nature: How important is nature to you and why?

Obsession: Have you ever been obsessed with something or someone?

Possessions: What's your most valued possession and why?

Qualities: Which three human qualities (e.g. honesty) do you consider to be the most important?

Respect: Who do you respect the most and why?

Stupidity: What's the stupidest thing you've ever done?

Talents: What talent would you most like to have and why?

Upgrades: How often do you upgrade your mobile phone, TV or computer?

Vocabulary: What do you do to improve your English vocabulary?

Wishes: If you could be granted one wish, what would it be?

Xbox: Do you have an Xbox or similar console? If so, what's your favourite game?

Yoga: Have you ever practiced yoga? If so, what was your experience like?

Zodiac: What's your star sign? Do you believe in horoscopes?

