

Activity Type

Writing and listening activity

Language Focus

Yes/no questions

Aim

To write and respond to yes/no questions

Preparation

None

Level

Elementary and above

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

Here is a fun ESL game for practicing a range of yes/no questions.

Procedure

Give each student a piece of paper.

On the board, write some incomplete yes/no questions you want the students to practice, e.g. Are you...? Have you ever...? Do you like...? Can you...?

Tell the students to complete each question however they like, but they should try to write questions that require a 'yes' answer from other students.

When everyone has finished, collect in the pieces of paper and mix them up.

Next, put the students' chairs in a circle and have the students sit on the chairs.

Explain that the students have to change chairs if they would answer 'yes' to a question.

Read out a yes/no question from one of the pieces of paper that would require a 'yes' answer from some students.

As the students stand up, grab a chair and remove it from the game.

You could also just sit on a chair as the students stand up and then remove it after.

The student left standing is out of the game.

Repeat the procedure with another question and so on.

The last student left in the game wins.