

### Activity Type

Writing, listening and speaking activity

### Language Focus

Yes/no questions and short answers

### Aim

To ask and answer yes/no questions

### Preparation

None

### Level

Elementary and above

### Time

25 minutes

### Introduction

This entertaining ESL game is useful for revising or practicing yes/no questions and short answers.

### Procedure

Tell the students that they are going to ask yes/no questions to one another. Ask the students to write a variety of yes/no questions and set the number of questions they should write, according to the number of people in the class.

When the students have finished, seat the students in a horseshoe shape and put a chair in the middle facing the horseshoe.

Draw two columns on the board, one with a happy face heading and one with a sad face heading.

Write the words, 'Yes', 'No' and 'Laugh' next to the two columns and then cross the words out.

Demonstrate the game by sitting in the chair and telling the students to each ask you a yes/no question going from one end of the horseshoe to the other.

Explain that the students' task is to ask you questions that will make you use the words yes or no, or make you laugh.

Your job is to answer the questions without saying yes or no. Smiling is allowed, but not laughing!

Example:

Student A: Are you happy?  
Teacher: I am.  
Student B: Do you have a car?  
Teacher: I don't.  
Student C: Do you like Vietnam?  
Teacher: Sure, I love it!  
Student D: Can you play football?  
Teacher: A little.  
Student E: Can you say yes?  
Teacher: No. Ah!

Next, it's the students' turn to play.

In turn, each student sits in the chair and tries to survive a question from each classmate without saying yes or no, or laughing.

If a student manages to do this, write their name under the happy face. If not, put their name under the sad face.