

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, pair and group work

Language Focus

Phrases for expressing likes and dislikes

Aim

To create dating profiles of peoples' likes and dislikes and then to match people together, according to their preferences.

Preparation

Make one copy of the male and female cards for every four students. Make sure there are equal sets of cards.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

40 minutes

Introduction

In this engaging teaching activity, students create dating profiles of peoples' likes and dislikes and then match people together, according to their preferences.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs.

Check that the students understand the concept of a dating agency and review language for expressing likes and dislikes.

Give half the pairs a set of six male cards and the other half a set of six female cards.

Tell the students to look at the pictures on the cards and fill in each profile with information about that person's likes and dislikes.

When the students have finished, each pair joins up with another pair that has an opposite set of cards, so one pair should have male cards and the other should have female cards.

Explain that the students run a dating agency called Cupid's.

Their task is to match the clients on the cards together for a date, according to their preferences.

The pairs then take it in turns to read out each profile to the other pair.

The students discuss the profiles and match the people together, according to their likes and dislikes.

Students should try to pair up all the men and women if possible and think of reasons for their choices.

Afterwards, each group tells the class about their most promising dates and feedback is given.

Female cards

Client A



Name:

I'm crazy about

I also love

I'm very interested in

and

I find relaxing

but I loathe

I also don't like

Client B



Name:

I really enjoy

and

I find very interesting.

I'm also keen on

and I quite like too.

I think is awesome

but I really hate

Client C



Name:

I'm mad about

I also really enjoy

I like

and

but I can't stand

I think is very boring

and I absolutely loathe

Client D



Name:

I'm very keen on

I love at the weekend.

I also really like

and I think can be fun.

I don't mind

or

but I can't stand

Client E



Name:

I'm really into

and I really like

I also find very relaxing

I quite like

and

I don't mind

but I really hate

Client F



Name:

I'm into

and I really like as well.

I think can be fun.

I also enjoy

and

I dislike

and I find incredibly boring.

Male cards

Client 1



Name:

I'm very keen on

and

I also love

I really enjoy

I think is very relaxing.

I also don't mind

but I really hate

Client 2



Name:

I'm mad about

I like

and

I think is very interesting

but I find incredibly boring.

I don't mind

but I absolutely loathe

Client 3



Name:

I'm really into

and

I'm also very keen on

I think is fun

and I quite like

I don't mind

but I can't stand

Client 4



Name:

I love

and

I'm very interested in

I also really enjoy

and I quite like as well.

I don't mind

but I absolutely loathe

Client 5



Name:

I'm crazy about

I also like

and

I find very relaxing

and I think can be fun too.

I don't like

and I really hate

Client 6



Name:

I'm mad about

I also enjoy

and

I find very interesting

and I like too.

I think is boring

and I can't stand

