

Activity Type

Speaking Activity:
answering questions,
guided discussion,
communicative practice
(group work)

Focus

Gerunds and infinitives
with *to*

Aim

To answer questions
and discuss various
topics using gerunds and
infinitives with *to*.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
cards for each group of
three or four and cut as
indicated.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this gerunds and infinitives speaking activity, students answer questions and discuss various topics using gerunds and infinitives with *to*.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a set of cards.

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

Students then take turns picking up a card, reading the question to the group, and starting a discussion using a gerund or infinitive.

For example, if the question was 'What would you like to learn how to do?', the student might say, "I would like to learn how to cook because..."

All the group members then give their answers and discuss the topic, giving as much information as possible to keep the conversation going.

When the groups have finished, they give feedback to the class on some of the things they discussed.



What would you like to learn how to do?

What is something you regret doing?

Is there anything you are afraid of doing?

Do you prefer to sleep in or wake up early?

What are some things you find relaxing to do?

What is your favourite hobby and why do you enjoy doing it?

Is there a new skill you would like to pick up?

What are some things you like to cook or are good at cooking?

What do you hope to achieve in the next five years?

Where would you like to travel in the future?

What are some challenges facing our generation?

What is the hardest thing about learning a new language?

What do you think is the most important thing to learn in life?

Have you ever had to make a difficult decision?

What are some ways technology can be used to solve problems in the world?

What is something you would never want to experience?

What advice would you give someone who is starting a new job?

What are the benefits of attending live concerts or performances?