

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, pair work

Focus

Present simple yes/no questions and answers with the third-person singular

Aim

To ask and answer present simple yes/no questions with the third-person singular.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

35 minutes

Introduction

In this present simple 'does' questions activity, students practice asking and answering yes/no questions with the third-person singular.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs (A and B).

Give each student a corresponding A or B worksheet.

Tell the students to write the name of someone they know very well and their relationship with them at the top of the worksheet, e.g. 'His name is Jason. He is my best friend'.

When the students have done that, have them swap their worksheet with their partner.

Students then take it in turns to ask their partner present simple yes/no questions with 'does' about the person at the top of the worksheet using the prompts in the first column, e.g. 'Does Jason live near here?'

Their partner replies yes or no accordingly and gives additional information if possible, e.g. 'Yes, he does. He lives on Park Avenue'.

The student then makes notes about their partner's answer in the second column on the worksheet.

When all the questions have been asked and answered, the students develop their notes into present simple sentences in the third person singular, e.g. 'Jason is Matt's best friend. He lives near here on Park Avenue. He drinks coffee every morning', etc.

Finally, students take it in turns to read their sentences to the class. Any interesting findings can be discussed in more detail.

A	<p>Useful language: Does (Emma) live...? Does he/she drink...? Does he/she play...?</p>	<p>Yes, he/she does. He/She lives... No, he/she doesn't. He/She drinks... I'm not sure. / I don't know.</p>
His/Her name is		He/She is my
Does...		Notes
1. live near here?		
2. drink coffee in the morning?		
3. play a team sport?		
4. have a pet?		
5. like horror films?		
6. work or study?		
7. like to wake up early?		
8. speak English with you?		
9. watch TV a lot?		
10. eat healthily?		
11. work hard?		
12. wear contact lenses?		
13. read a newspaper?		
14. travel abroad?		

B	<p>Useful language: Does (Liam) have...? Does he/she like...? Does he/she read...?</p>	<p>Yes, he/she does. He/She has... No, he/she doesn't. He/She likes... I'm not sure. / I don't know.</p>
His/Her name is		He/She is my
Does...		Notes
1. have any brothers or sisters?		
2. like shopping?		
3. read many books?		
4. chat online?		
5. go to the gym?		
6. tell jokes?		
7. live in an apartment?		
8. eat junk food?		
9. drive a car?		
10. travel a lot?		
11. speak a foreign language?		
12. like to cook?		
13. play a musical instrument?		
14. study English?		