

Activity Type

Speaking and writing activity

Language Focus

'How often do you...?' questions

Adverbs and expressions of frequency

Aim

To practice 'How often do you...?' questions and adverbs and expressions of frequency.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Elementary

Time

35 minutes

Introduction

In this entertaining worksheet activity, students ask 'How often do you...?' questions and answer with adverbs and expressions of frequency.

Procedure

Give one copy of the worksheet to each student.

Begin by writing adverbs and expressions of frequency from the worksheet on the board and teaching or reviewing their usage. Keep the language up on the board for the students to use during the activity.

always	occasionally	every day
usually	rarely	once/twice a week
often	hardly ever	once/twice a month
sometimes	never	once/twice a year

The students then go through the items on the worksheet and form the 'How often do you...?' questions they need to ask to do the activity, e.g. 'How often do you eat in a restaurant?'

Students then go around the classroom asking the questions.

When a classmate replies with the same adverb or expression of frequency that is written on the worksheet, the student writes down their name in the appropriate column and asks a follow-up question. The student writes their answer in the 'More information' column.

If their answer doesn't match with the adverb of frequency on the worksheet, the student repeats the question with other classmates until one of them gives a matching response, e.g. 'I sometimes eat in a restaurant'.

Tell the students that they can only have the same name once. This is to encourage them to speak to as many different partners as possible.

When everyone has finished, the students give feedback to the rest of the class on what they found out about their classmates. Any interesting findings can be discussed in more detail.

As a variation, students can ask present simple questions with 'Do you...?' For example, 'Do you sometimes eat in a restaurant?' If a classmate replies 'Yes, I do', the student writes down their name and asks a follow-up question.

Find someone who...	Name	More information
...sometimes eats in a restaurant.		
...never does any sport or exercise.		
...goes to the hairdressers once a month.		
...checks their email every day.		
...hardly ever watches TV in the morning.		
...buys clothes once a week.		
...always wakes up early.		
...goes on holiday twice a year.		
...is usually late to class.		
...chats online every day.		
...occasionally loses something.		
...always drinks coffee in the morning.		
...rarely goes to the cinema.		
...often feels sleepy in the afternoon.		
...usually goes to bed late.		
...sometimes reads a newspaper.		