

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity

Language Focus

Countries and nationalities

Yes/no questions and short answers

Aim

To ask and answer questions about countries, nationalities and languages.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

Here is a countries and nationalities 'Find someone who...' activity for pre-intermediate students.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Go through the items on the worksheet and elicit the yes/no questions the students need to ask in order to do the activity, e.g. 'Did you visit two countries last year?'

Demonstrate the activity by writing the first item on the board and adding a 'Name' and 'More information' column beside it.

Ask a student in the class 'Did you visit two countries last year?'

If the student answers 'No, I didn't', repeat the question with other students until one of them says yes.

Write this student's name in the 'Name' column on the board and ask a follow-up question to gain more information, e.g. 'Which countries did you visit?'

Put the student's answer in the 'More information' column.

Once the students understand the idea, let them begin the activity.

Students then go around the class, asking each other the questions.

When a student finds someone who answers 'yes' to a question, the student writes down their name and asks a follow-up question to gain more information, noting down the answer in the last column.

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

When everyone has finished, ask students to give feedback to the rest of the class on what they found out. If there are any interesting findings, encourage the students to discuss them in more detail.

Find someone who...	Name	More information
... visited two countries last year.		
... has dual nationality.		
... has been to South America.		
... speaks three or more languages.		
... has lived in another country.		
... wants to visit Italy.		
... knows the names of eight countries in Europe.		
... plans to visit another country next year.		
... can say 'Thank you' in five languages.		
... has a friend from another country.		
... can name four nationalities in Southeast Asia.		
... has been to three continents.		
... knows the biggest and smallest country in the world.		