

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity

Language Focus

Gerunds and infinitives with 'to'

Aim

To ask and answer questions containing gerunds and infinitives with 'to'.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this gerunds and infinitives 'Find someone who...' activity, students ask and answer questions with gerunds and infinitives. This is a good activity to use when introducing gerunds and infinitives for the first time.

Procedure

Give one copy of the worksheet to each student.

Go through the items on the worksheet and elicit the questions the students need to ask in order to do the activity, e.g. 'Do you love watching horror films?'

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 'Do you love watching horror films?'

If the student answers 'No, I don'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, e.g. 'Why do you love watching horror films?' Put the student's answer in the 'More information' column.

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

The students then move around the classroom asking the questions and completing their worksheets with yes answers.

It is important to 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, the students use gerunds and infinitives to give feedback to the class on what they found out about their classmates.

If there are any interesting findings, encourage students to discuss them in more detail.

Find someone who...	Name	More information
...loves watching horror films.		
...needs to buy a new phone.		
...goes fishing.		
...hates dancing.		
...likes doing homework.		
...plans to go abroad next year.		
...wants to learn a new language.		
...likes watching TV in the evening.		
...enjoys flying.		
...likes travelling.		
...enjoys doing housework.		
...would like to try a new hobby.		
...likes getting up early.		
...thinks doing exercise is boring.		
...prefers to stay home at the weekend.		
...likes shopping for clothes.		