

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Activity: asking and answering questions from prompts, freer practice

Focus

Were you...? questions and short answers

Prepositions of place: *in, on, at*

Aim

To practice *Were you...?* questions and short answers.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

Here is a *was* and *were* speaking activity to help students practice *Were you...?* questions and short answers.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Tell the students that they are going to practice asking and answering *Were you...?* questions.

Go through the items on the worksheet and elicit a *Were you...?* question for each one.

Next, students go around the class asking the questions to one another, e.g. 'Were you asleep at 6 o'clock this morning?'

When a student finds someone who answers 'Yes, I was', they write down that person's name in the corresponding column next to the item.

The student then asks a follow-up question to gain more information (e.g. What time did you wake up?) and notes down the answer in the last column.

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

Afterwards, get feedback by asking the students questions with *Who...?*, e.g. 'Who was asleep at 6 o'clock this morning?'

Any interesting findings can be discussed in more detail.

Find Someone Who Was...

Find someone who was...	Name	More information
asleep at 6 o'clock this morning.		
with friends last Friday night.		
at home on Sunday afternoon.		
on holiday last August.		
lucky last week.		
in the shower at 7 o'clock this morning.		
in bed at 11 o'clock last night.		
at the gym on Saturday morning.		
tired on Monday morning.		
at a restaurant last night.		
at school or work at 8 o'clock this morning.		
with their family last Sunday.		
born in this town or city.		
alone at 9 o'clock yesterday evening.		
happy yesterday.		