

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, pairwork

Language Focus

Personal information questions and answers

'Wh' questions

Aim

To complete an introductory text by writing questions and asking the questions to a classmate.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Elementary

Time

50 minutes

Introduction

Here is an engaging worksheet activity to use on the first day of class. In the activity, students complete an introductory text by writing questions and asking the questions to a classmate.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Tell the students to read the introductory text and write down the ten questions they need to ask to complete the text. This can be done individually, in pairs or small groups.

When the students have finished, check the questions with the class.

Possible questions:

1. What's your name?
2. Where are you from?
3. How old are you?
4. How many brothers and sisters do you have?
5. What is your favourite food?
6. What do you like to do in your free time?
7. What time do you usually get up?
8. Which country would you like to visit?
9. How do you come to class/school/university?
10. What do you like to do after class?

Next, pair the students together with someone they don't know very well.

The students then take it in turns to ask the questions to their partner and complete the spaces in the text with their partner's answers.

Finally, students introduce their partner to the class by reading the text aloud.

A. Write the ten questions you need to ask to complete the introductory text below.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
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7.
8.
9.
10.

Introductory Text

Hi, my name is and I would like to introduce (1)

He/She is from (2) and is (3) years old.

He/She has (4) brother(s) and sister(s).

.....'s favourite food is (5)

In his/her free time, likes to (6)

Most mornings gets up at (7)

One country he/she would like to visit is (8)

He/She comes to class/school/university (9)

When finishes class, he/she likes to (10)

B. Ask the ten questions to a partner. Write your partner's answers in the spaces provided.

C. Now, introduce your partner to the class by reading the text aloud.