

Activity Type

Reading, matching, listening and speaking activity, group work

Focus

Question words

'Wh' questions

Personal information

Fluency practice

Aim

To play a card game where you match question words to endings and ask the questions to other students.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each group of three or four and cut as indicated. Keep the question word cards and question ending cards separate.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this question words game, students match question words to endings and ask the questions to other students.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a set of question word cards and a set of question ending cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the question word cards and place them face down in a pile on the table.

Tell the students to shuffle the question ending cards and deal them out evenly.

Students then take it in turns to pick up a question word card from the top of the pile and try to put it together with one of their ending cards to make a meaningful question.

If the student is able to do this, they lay the two cards on the table and ask the question to the other students in the group.

After the question has been discussed, the two cards are removed from the game and play passes to the next student.

If a meaningful question cannot be made, the question word card is placed at the bottom of the pile and the next student takes their turn.

If group members think a question is incorrect, they challenge the student. If the students cannot agree, they can ask you to adjudicate.

The first student to get rid of all their ending cards wins the game.

Question word cards

What	What	What
What kind	What kind	What kind
When	When	When
Where	Where	Where
Who	Who	Who
Why	Why	Why
Which	Which	Which
How	How	How
How much	How much	How much
How long	How long	How long
How many	How many	How many
How often	How often	How often

Question ending cards


do you usually do at the weekend?	hobbies do you have?	countries have you visited?
of music do you listen to?	of films do you like to watch?	of people do you like?
do you usually go to bed?	do you plan to retire?	did you start learning English?
do you think you'll be living five years from now?	were you born?	do you live?
do you live with?	is your best friend?	do you respect the most?
do you want to learn English?	should we care about the environment?	do you like being a student?
sports do you like?	do you prefer, sunrises or sunsets?	dish do you usually choose in your favourite restaurant?
can you improve your English skills?	old are you?	tall are you?
money do you usually spend a day?	free time do you have?	time do you spend on your phone a day?
does it take you to get ready in the morning?	have you lived in this town/city?	have you been awake?
cups of tea or coffee do you drink a day?	brothers and sisters do you have?	close friends do you have?
do you go on holiday?	do you exercise?	do you practice your English?