

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, pairwork

Language Focus

'Wh' questions

Question words

Aim

To complete a text by asking and answering 'Wh' questions.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this intriguing worksheet activity, students complete a text about someone's life by asking and answering 'Wh' questions.

Procedure

Divide the class into two groups (A and B). Give each student a corresponding A or B worksheet.

Working with the people in their group, students write the 'Wh' questions they need to find out the missing information in the text on their worksheet.

When the students have finished, check the questions with each group.

Answer Key (Some questions may vary)

Student A

1. Where was Mike born?
2. Where did he live?
3. What does he miss about Thailand?
4. How long has he been living in Singapore?
5. What is he doing at a language school?
6. When is he going to get a pay rise?
7. What is he going to start?
8. Where did he meet his fiancée?
9. What were they both doing when they met?
10. What does he want to buy in the future?

Student B

- a. When was Mike born?
- b. How long did he live in Chiang Mai?
- c. What does he enjoy in Singapore?
- d. What has he just finished?
- e. What is his job?
- f. What is he going to get after he receives his pay rise?
- g. What is his fiancée's name?
- h. When did he meet his fiancée?
- i. How long have they been engaged?
- j. Where is he going on holiday?

Next, pair students A and B together. Have the students sit back to back so they can't see each other's worksheet.

The students then take it in turns to ask their partner the 'Wh' questions they have prepared. Students complete the gaps in the text with their partner's answers. Student A goes first.

When the students have finished, they check their texts and spelling by comparing worksheets.

Student A

Mike was born in (1) _____ in 1981. He lived in (2) _____ for 16 years before moving to Singapore. He misses (3) _____ in Thailand, but he enjoys his life in Singapore. He has been living in Singapore for 4) _____. He has just finished his Master's Degree. Currently, he (5) _____ at a language school. He works as an English teacher there. He is going to get a pay rise next (6) _____. After he receives his pay rise, he is going to get married and start (7) _____. His fiancée's name is Anna. They met in (8) _____ in 2013 while they were both (9) _____. They have been engaged for three years. In the future, he wants to buy a (10) _____. Next week, he's going back to Thailand for a holiday.

A. Write 'Wh' questions to find out the missing information in the text.

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

B. Now, take it in turns to ask your partner the questions and complete the gaps with their answers. You go first.



Student B

Mike was born in Bangkok in (a) _____. He lived in Chiang Mai for (b) _____ before moving to Singapore. He misses his friends in Thailand, but he enjoys (c) _____ in Singapore. He has been living in Singapore for 20 years. He has just finished his (d) _____. Currently, he is working at a language school. He works as an (e) _____ there. He is going to get a pay rise next month. After he receives his pay rise, he is going to get (f) _____ and start a family. His fiancée's name is (g) _____. They met in Malaysia in (h) _____ while they were both travelling. They have been engaged for (i) _____. In the future, he wants to buy a house. Next week, he's going (j) _____ for a holiday.

A. Write 'Wh' questions to find out the missing information in the text.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____
- g. _____
- h. _____
- i. _____
- j. _____

B. Now, take it in turns to ask your partner the questions and complete the gaps with their answers. Student A goes first.

