

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, pairwork

Language Focus

Personal information questions and answers

'Wh' questions

Aim

To create personal information questions and then use the questions to interview a partner.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

35 minutes

Introduction

In this insightful worksheet activity, students create personal information questions and then use the questions to interview a partner. This activity is suitable for older students.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Tell the students to write down the personal information questions they need to ask to find out the information in section B on the worksheet.

Students also create one more question of their own at the end.

When the students have finished, go through the questions with the class.

Answer key (some questions may vary)

1. What is your name?
2. Where were you born?
3. What is your nationality?
4. What is your address?
5. Are you married or single?
6. What are your qualifications?
7. What is your job?
8. When did you start learning English?
9. Why are you learning English?
10. What are your interests and hobbies?
11. What skills do you have?
12. What are your good and bad qualities?
13. What are your ambitions?
14. Student's own question.

Next, divide the students into pairs.

Students take it in turns to ask their partner the questions and fill in the answers on the worksheet.

Tell the students that they don't have to answer any questions they find too personal.

Afterwards, pairs of students take it in turns to tell the class a few things they found out about their partner. Any interesting findings can then be discussed in more detail.

A: Write down the questions you need to ask to find out the information in section B.

- 1: _____
- 2: _____
- 3: _____
- 4: _____
- 5: _____
- 6: _____
- 7: _____
- 8: _____
- 9: _____
- 10: _____
- 11: _____
- 12: _____
- 13: _____
- 14: _____

B. Now, use the questions to interview a partner. Write down his or her answers below.

1. First name: _____ Surname: _____
2. Place of birth: _____
3. Nationality: _____
4. Address: _____
5. Relationship status: _____
6. Education: _____
7. Present job: _____
8. Started learning English in: _____
9. Reason for learning English: _____
10. Interests/Hobbies: _____
11. Skills: _____
12. Good/bad qualities: _____
13. Ambitions: _____
14. Other information: _____