

### Activity Type

Reading and matching activity, pairwork

### Language Focus

Yes/no questions with the verb to be

Short answers

Subject-verb agreement

### Aim

To match yes/no questions with the verb 'to be' to short answers.

### Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each pair of students and cut as indicated. Keep the two sets separate.

### Level

Elementary

### Time

20 minutes

### Introduction

In this engaging teaching activity, students play a game of snap by matching yes/no questions with the verb 'to be' to short answers.

### Procedure

Divide the students into pairs.

Give one student a set of yes/no question cards and the other a set of short answer cards. Students will also need a pen and paper for keeping score.

Tell the students to shuffle their set of cards and place them face down in a pile in front of them.

Explain that the students are going to play a game of snap by matching yes/no questions with the verb 'to be' to short answers.

Before the students begin, demonstrate the game with a strong student using the instructions below.

Both students turn over a card from their pile at the same time and place them on the table next to each other.

If the question and answer match, the first student to say 'Snap' wins a point.

Students then pick up their own cards, shuffle their pack, and play again. The students do not pick up their partner's cards.

If the question and answer don't match, the students continue turning over cards until a matching pair comes up.

If a student says 'Snap' when the question and answer don't match, the other student gets a point and the game continues.

The first student to get 15 points wins the game.

**Yes/No Question Cards**

Are you a student?	Is it Monday today?	Are you married?	Is it lunchtime?
Are you ten years old?	Is it 9 o'clock?	Are you a good student?	Is it raining outside?
Is Jane OK?	Are we in class?	Is Sophia a teacher?	Are you and your friend hungry?
Is she French?	Are we lost?	Is your mother at home?	Are we in America?
Is he an artist?	Are your eyes blue?	Is Harry from Spain?	Are Tim and Paul at university?
Is his father an actor?	Are they good at sports?	Is your brother tall?	Are her friends nice?

**Short Answer Cards**

Yes, I am.	Yes, it is.	Yes, I am.	Yes, it is.
No, I'm not.	No, it isn't.	No, I'm not.	No, it isn't.
Yes, she is.	Yes, we are.	Yes, she is.	Yes, we are.
No, she isn't.	No, we aren't.	No, she isn't.	No, we aren't.
Yes, he is.	Yes, they are.	Yes, he is.	Yes, they are.
No, he isn't.	No, they aren't.	No, he isn't.	No, they aren't.