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## Somebody told me that...

Find someone who...	Name	More Information
... did some sport or exercise yesterday.		
... reads an English newspaper.		
... has a birthday in July.		
... listens to the radio in the morning.		
... likes watching horror films.		
... is going to the cinema this week.		
... is feeling tired today.		
... has a pet.		
... can speak three languages.		
... is going on holiday soon.		
... is afraid of some kind of animal.		

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In this fun speaking activity, students use reported speech to tell their classmates information they found out about other students in the class.

Before class, make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

### Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Go through the items on the worksheet and elicit the questions that the students need to ask in order to do the activity, e.g. Did you do some sport or exercise yesterday?

Demonstrate the activity by writing the first item on the board and adding the „Name“ and „More Information“ columns beside it.

Ask a student in the class, “Did you do some sport or exercise yesterday?” If they answer no, repeat the question with other students in the class until one of them says yes.

Write this student's name in the appropriate column on the board and ask a follow-up question, e.g. What sport/exercise did you do? Put their answer in the „More Information“ column. Highlight that the students must ask at least one follow-up question each time.

Once the students understand the idea, let them start the activity. Tell them to move round the classroom asking and answering questions and completing their worksheets.

It is important to tell the students that they can only have the same name once. This is to encourage them to speak to as many different partners as possible.

When everyone has finished, divide the students into groups of four.

The students use reported speech and take it in turns to report back the information they found out. They do this without saying the student's name. Instead, they use the phrase „Somebody told me that...”

The other students in the group guess who said each thing, scoring one point if they guess correctly.

### Example:

A: Somebody told me that they played badminton in the park yesterday.

B: Was it John?

A: No, it wasn't

C: Was it Sophia?

A: That's right. Sophia told me that she played badminton in the park yesterday.

The student with the most points at the end of the game wins