

Activity Type

Reading and speaking activity, pairwork

Language Focus

Gerunds and infinitives

Aim

To answer questions with gerunds and infinitives.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each pair of students and cut as indicated.

Level

Low intermediate

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

Here is an intriguing speaking activity to help students practice gerunds and infinitives.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs (A and B).

Give each student a corresponding part of the worksheet.

Student A starts by asking Student B to tell him or her about the things listed on the worksheet, e.g. 'Tell me about something you want to do in the future'.

Each response Student B gives requires a gerund or infinitive in the answer.

To keep the conversation going, Student A is encouraged to ask follow-up questions where possible.

When all the questions have been asked, the students swap roles.

Afterwards, students give feedback to the class on what they found out about their partner.

Student A

A. Ask your partner to tell you about the following things. Ask follow-up questions where possible.

Tell me about...

- ...something you want to do in the future.
- ...something you are not very good at doing.
- ...something you must remember to do this week.
- ...something you would like to learn to do.
- ...something you love doing at the weekend.
- ...something you were encouraged to do as a child.
- ...something you avoid doing.
- ...something you are thinking of doing next weekend.
- ...something you try to do every day.



B. Now, respond to what your partner asks you. Use a gerund or infinitive in each answer.



Student B

A. Respond to what your partner asks you. Use a gerund or infinitive in each answer.

B. Ask your partner to tell you about the following things. Ask follow-up questions where possible.

Tell me about...

- ...something you need to do tomorrow.
- ...something you enjoy doing on holiday.
- ...something you don't like watching on TV.
- ...something you forgot to do recently.
- ...something you are afraid of doing.
- ...something you plan on doing this year.
- ...something you wish to do in the future
- ...something you are very bad at doing.
- ...something you are too old to do.

