

### Activity Type

Reading, writing and speaking activity, pairwork

### Language Focus

Past simple 'Wh' questions and answers

Time expressions

### Aim

To ask and answer past simple 'Wh' questions about experiences earlier in life.

### Preparation

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

### Level

Pre-intermediate

### Time

45 minutes

### Introduction

This intriguing worksheet activity helps to teach students how to ask past simple 'Wh' questions and use the past simple tense with time expressions to talk about experiences earlier in life. The questions are designed to jog students' memories about events in the past so it is more appropriate for older students.

### Procedure

Divide the students into pairs (A and B) and give each student a corresponding worksheet.

Have the students read through the questions and create one more additional question for number 13.

The students then ask each other the 'When was the first time...?' questions and write their partner's response in the second column of the worksheet.

Students also ask past simple 'Wh' follow-up questions to help the students develop a conversation about each event. These answers are written in the third column.

When the students have finished, have a class feedback session and ask the students to tell the class what they found out about their partner.

As an extension, students write a short biographical account about their partner's experiences. These can be read to the class.

Student A - Ask the questions below to your partner. Write down his or her answers and ask past simple 'Wh' follow-up questions to find out more information.

When was the first time...	Answers	More information
Example: When was the first time you <u>went</u> to a wedding?	When she was fifteen years old.	It was her cousin's wedding. It was on the beach.
1. go to a wedding?		
2. buy a TV?		
3. cook dinner for someone?		
4. fall in love?		
5. drink alcohol?		
6. break a bone?		
7. travel by airplane?		
8. play a musical instrument?		
9. go on a date?		
10. use a credit card?		
11. take a trip alone?		
12. stay awake all night?		
13.		

Student B - Ask the questions below to your partner. Write down his or her answers and ask past simple 'Wh' follow-up questions to find out more information.

When was the first time...	Answers	More information
Example: When was the first time you <u>kissed</u> someone?	When he was in high school.	It was at a party with a girl called Vicky.
1. kiss someone?		
2. have a job?		
3. go to another country?		
4. lose something?		
5. stay in a hospital?		
6. ride a motorbike?		
7. drink wine?		
8. go to a night club?		
9. talk to a foreigner?		
10. eat at an expensive restaurant?		
11. read a book?		
12. buy something expensive?		
13.		