



Intercambioidiomas

Speaking Activities

Thses are simple speaking activities for students A2 – C2.

Common ground

It is a paired activity so that the teacher can get to know their students better and students can get to know each other as well. The teacher puts topics on the board, such as free time, work, food etc. Students discuss the topics in a simple way to see what they have in common. The teacher takes notes to later further develop the topics.

Either..or.... Both..and....

In this paired activity students are given simple choices such as travelling by car or plane, chocolate or fruit etc. Stuennds need to discuss their choices, either agree or disagree and give the reasons behind them. The teacher then takes notes to be able to futher the conversations.

Speed dating

This is a simple activity based on the well known dating concept. The teacher puts vocabulary on the board and assigns points to each of the parts, e.g. phrasal verbs (5), verb + adjective (3) and extreme adjectives (1). The students take it in turns to speak for two minutes about a topic and their partner listens to count up how many points the accumulate. Points are only given for the first time a bit of vocabulary is mentioned so repetition is to be avoided.

I bet you don't know this!

In this activity the teacher asks the students a series of questions. It is a form of competition between the class and the teacher. If the students know the correct answer they get a point, if they do not the teacher keeps the point.

The hesitation game

This is a simple game in which the teacher write a series of 10 questions on the board. The purpose of the game is for students to avoid hesitation. The questions should start with auxillary verbs or interrogative words (see example below). The students then take it in turns to ask and answer all ten questions, trying to avoid hesitation with the auxillary verbs "yes, I do" or with time fillers "well....".

1. Do you like going swimming at weekends?
2. Will you be famous in the future
3. What did you eat for lunch yesterday?
4. Where are you going on holiday next summer?
5. Etc..