

Activity Type

Speaking Activity:
role-play, asking and
answering questions from
prompts (group work)

Focus

Traditional names

Countries

National languages

Introductions

Present simple

Aim

To practice introductions
and to learn about
traditional names,
countries and national
languages.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
identity cards for every
16 students and cut as
indicated. Also, make one
copy of the worksheet for
each student.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this insightful countries role-play activity, students take on the identity of someone from another country to practice introductions and to learn about traditional names, countries and national languages

Procedure

Write the following dialogue on the board:

A: Hi, my name's
B: Hi, I'm Nice to meet you.
A: Nice to meet you too.
B: Where are you from?
A: I'm from, and you?
B: I'm from
A: What language do you speak in your country?
B: I speak How about you?
A: I speak

Extra question: How do you spell that?

Explain that the students are going to take on the identity of someone from another country.

If you have more than 16 students, divide the class into two groups.

Give each student an identity card and a copy of the worksheet.

Explain that the students are going to use the dialogue to make introductions and find out one another's name, country and national language.

Model the dialogue with students at the front of the class.

Students then go around the classroom and meet all the other people in the class or group, alternating A and B roles as they go.

Students complete the worksheet with the name, country and national language of each person they speak to.

When the students have finished, they give feedback to the class on the people they met during the activity.

Identity cards


Juan Martinez Argentina Spanish	Tim Smith Australia English	Alice Bailey Britain English	Li Wang China Chinese
Maren Jensdatter Denmark Danish	Anai Busiri Egypt Arabic	Alexandre Belrose France French	Paolo Kontos Greece Greek
Alberto Pascutti Italy Italian	Jose Manuel Perez Mexico Spanish	María Reyes Cruz Spain Spanish	John Paul Mercado The Philippines Tagalog
Boris Vanzin Russia Russian	Fann Wong Singapore English	Somchai Boonmee Thailand Thai	Quang Dũng Phan Vietnam Vietnamese

Example dialogue:

A: Hi, my name's Akiko Hayashi.

B: Hi, I'm Alex Haber. Nice to meet you.

A: Nice to meet you too.

B: Where are you from?

A: I'm from Japan, and you?

B: I'm from Germany.

A: What language do you speak in your country?

B: I speak German. How about you?

A: I speak Japanese.

Name	Country	National language