

Activity Type

Speaking Activity: asking and answering questions from prompts, making introductions, freer practice

Focus

Greetings

Introducing yourself

Aim

To find two famous people and introduce yourself to them.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards and cut as indicated.

Each student should have one card. The cards are grouped in threes, e.g. 1 to 3, 4 to 6, etc. If you don't have multiples of three, have two students share a card or give a strong student two cards.

Make sure the numbers are cut off the cards and shuffle all the cards for the class together.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this fun greetings and introductions activity, students find two famous people and introduce themselves as another famous person.

Procedure

Explain that the students are going to find certain people and introduce themselves.

Write the following dialogue on the board.

A: Excuse me, are you...?

B: No, I'm not. OR B: Yes, I am.

A: Sorry. A: Hello, I'm...

Nice to meet you.

B: Nice to meet you too.

Other phrases are also possible such as 'Let me introduce myself', 'Pleased to meet you', etc. You can also introduce handshakes or other cultural ways of greeting someone.

Next, have the students practice the two possible dialogues using their real names and names of their classmates.

After the students have practiced the language, give each student a card.

Tell the students not to show their cards to anyone.

Explain that the students are the famous person marked at the top of their card and that their task is to find and introduce themselves to the two other famous people shown on the card.

Students then move around the class and ask one another 'Excuse me, are you...?'

If the person isn't who they are looking for, students say 'Sorry' and move on to speak to someone else.

If it is one of the people they are looking for, students introduce themselves by saying 'Hello, I'm... Nice to meet you'.

When the students have found and introduced themselves to the two famous people on their cards, they sit down.

Afterwards, you can repeat the activity by giving each student a different card or have the students explain who they met.

1	You are	Martin Luther King	13	You are	Muhammad Ali
	Introduce yourself to	Nelson Mandela		Introduce yourself to	Angelina Jolie
2		Britney Spears	14		Winston Churchill
	You are	Britney Spears		You are	Angelina Jolie
3	Introduce yourself to	Martin Luther King	15	Introduce yourself to	Winston Churchill
		Nelson Mandela			Muhammad Ali
4	You are	Nelson Mandela	16	You are	Winston Churchill
	Introduce yourself to	Britney Spears		Introduce yourself to	Muhammad Ali
5		Martin Luther King	17		Angelina Jolie
	You are	Elon Musk		You are	Leonardo da Vinci
6	Introduce yourself to	J.K.Rowling	18	Introduce yourself to	Vincent Van Gogh
		Neil Armstrong			Michael Jackson
7	You are	Neil Armstrong	19	You are	Vincent Van Gogh
	Introduce yourself to	Elon Musk		Introduce yourself to	Michael Jackson
8		J.K.Rowling	20		Leonardo da Vinci
	You are	J.K.Rowling		You are	Michael Jackson
9	Introduce yourself to	Neil Armstrong	21	Introduce yourself to	Leonardo da Vinci
		Elon Musk			Vincent Van Gogh
10	You are	Abraham Lincoln	22	You are	Isaac Newton
	Introduce yourself to	Justin Beiber		Introduce yourself to	Penelope Cruz
11		Albert Einstein	23		William Shakespeare
	You are	Albert Einstein		You are	William Shakespeare
12	Introduce yourself to	Abraham Lincoln	24	Introduce yourself to	Isaac Newton
		Justin Beiber			Penelope Cruz
13	You are	Justin Beiber	25	You are	Penelope Cruz
	Introduce yourself to	Albert Einstein		Introduce yourself to	William Shakespeare
14		Abraham Lincoln	26		Isaac Newton
	You are	Steve Jobs		You are	Donald Trump
15	Introduce yourself to	Christian Ronaldo	27	Introduce yourself to	Albert Einstein
		Marilyn Monroe			Bruce Lee
16	You are	Christian Ronaldo	28	You are	Albert Einstein
	Introduce yourself to	Marilyn Monroe		Introduce yourself to	Bruce Lee
17		Steve Jobs	29		Donald Trump
	You are	Marilyn Monroe		You are	Bruce Lee
18	Introduce yourself to	Steve Jobs	30	Introduce yourself to	Donald Trump
		Christiano Ronaldo			Albert Einstein