

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity

Focus

Time expressions

Yes/no questions and short answers

'Wh' follow-up questions

Aim

To practice asking and answering questions about time.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this time 'Find someone who...' activity, students practice asking and answering questions about time.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Go through the items on the worksheet and elicit the various yes/no questions the students need to ask in order to do the activity, e.g. 'Is your birthday in July?'

Demonstrate the activity by writing the first item on the board and adding a 'Name' and 'More information' column beside it.

Ask a student a yes/no question for the first item, e.g. 'Is your birthday in July?'

If the student answers 'No, it isn't', repeat the question with other students until one of them says 'Yes, it is'.

Write this student's name in the 'Name' column on the board and ask a 'Wh' follow-up question to gain more information, e.g. 'What date is your birthday?'

Put the student's answer in the 'More information' column.

Once the students understand the idea, let them begin the activity.

Students then go around the class, asking each other the yes/no questions for the items on the worksheet.

When a student finds someone who answers 'yes' to a question, the student writes down their name and asks a 'Wh' follow-up question to gain more information, noting down the answer in the last column.

Tell the students that they can only have the same name once (or twice). This is to encourage them to speak to as many different partners as possible.

When everyone has finished, ask students to give feedback to the rest of the class on what they found out. If there are any interesting findings, encourage the students to discuss them in more detail.

Find Someone Who...

Find someone who...	Name	More information
has their birthday in the same month as you		
can tell you the date of their best friend's birthday		
can remember when they last went to the cinema		
knows the date of the next public holiday		
wakes up at the same time as you		
has the same favourite month as you		
thinks Friday the 13th is unlucky		
did something interesting yesterday		
knows how many days there are in this month		
goes to bed at the same time as you		
is looking forward to next week		