

Activity Type

Speaking Activity: forming, asking and answering questions from prompts, controlled and freer practice (pair work)

Focus

Question words

Aim

To complete questions with question words and then to ask and answer the questions with a partner.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this communicative question words activity, students complete questions with question words and then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Tell the students to look at the incomplete questions and read through the example short answers.

The students then complete the questions with the question words at the top of the worksheet using the short answers to help them.

When the students have finished, go through the correct answers with the class.

Answer key

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| 1. When | 11. Have |
| 2. Who | 12. Where |
| 3. Have | 13. How many |
| 4. How often | 14. What |
| 5. How much | 15. Are |
| 6. What kind | 16. How many |
| 7. Are | 17. Do |
| 8. Can | 18. What |
| 9. How | 19. How long |
| 10. Which | 20. How |

Next, divide the students into pairs.

The students then take it in turns to ask each other the questions, writing down their partner's answers in the spaces on the worksheet.

Encourage the students to ask follow-up questions to gain more information when possible.

Afterwards, ask the students to report back to the class on the things they found out about their partner. Any interesting findings can be discussed in more detail.

Complete the questions with the following question words using the short answers to help you.

What x 2 How x 2 How many x 2 Have x 2 Are x 2 Where When Who
 What kind Which How often How much How long Do Can

Questions	Short answers	Your partner's answers
1. do you get up?	At half past six.	
2. is your favourite actor?	Tom Hanks.	
3. you got a pet?	Yes, I have.	
4. do you speak English?	Every day.	
5. water do you drink a day?	Four glasses.	
6. of music do you like?	Hip hop music.	
7. you good at cooking?	Yes, I am.	
8. you ride a bicycle?	Yes, I can.	
9. are you feeling now?	I feel happy.	
10. country would you like to visit?	Japan.	
11. you ever been skiing?	No, I haven't.	
12. do you live?	Madrid.	
13. countries have you been to?	Two.	
14. is your favourite city?	London.	
15. you exercising every day?	No, I'm not.	
16. people live in your house?	Four.	
17. you play a musical instrument?	No, I don't.	
18. is your favourite colour?	Blue.	
19. does it take you to get to school?	20 minutes.	
20. old are you?	19 years old.	