

Lesson: Self / Social – My kind of people

Level: Pre-intermediate

Age: Secondary / Adult

Time: 20 minutes

Language objectives: to write sentences about people, places and times; to practise asking questions

Key life skills: expressing your opinion, accepting diversity

Materials: one copy of the worksheet for each group of three or four students in the class cut up into 12 pieces as indicated; a hat or a box (or two containers if there are 20 or more students in the class) to put the pieces of paper in



Procedure

1. Choose one of the unfinished sentences from the worksheet and write it on the board. Elicit possible ways of completing the sentence.
2. Put students in groups of three or four for the first part of this activity. Give one set of unfinished sentences to each group.
3. Ask the students to spread out the pieces of paper, face down, and to take three each.
4. Ask them to complete their three sentences in any way they like. They should not write their names or let the students next to them see what they are writing.
5. The students now all work together as a class. Put the hat (or box) in the middle of the room. If there are 20 or more students in the class, divide them into two groups and put one hat in the middle of each group. Ask the students to fold up their completed sentences and put them in the hat.
6. Mix up the folded sentences in the hat and then tell the students that, in a moment, they are all going to stand up, take one sentence each and find out who wrote it. Demonstrate this by taking a piece of paper from the hat and reading the sentence out. For example:

I am attracted to people who make me laugh.

Elicit the question they will need to ask in order to find out who wrote the sentence: *Are you attracted to people who make you laugh?* Make it clear that even though students may answer yes to the question, they are looking for the person who actually wrote the sentence, and they may need to ask, *Did you*

write this sentence? However, make sure that the students only ask this question once they have received a yes answer to their original question.

7. Now ask the students to stand up and take one piece of paper each from the hat. If they choose their own sentence, they should put it back and take another one.

8. They are now ready to go round the class or group asking questions. All the students in the class do this simultaneously. When they find the person who wrote the sentence, they should write the person's name on the piece of paper, keep it and take another one from the hat.

9. The students repeat the activity until there are no sentences left in the hat.

10. Ask the students to return to their places and count the number of completed sentences they have collected. The student with the most sentences is the winner.

11. Ask the students to take it in turns to report back to the class or group what they found out about their classmates during the activity. For example:

People who eat while they're talking on the phone get on Cristina's nerves.

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Worksheet



I am attracted to people who _____ .

People who _____

get on my nerves.

_____ is a person whose company I enjoy.

_____ is a place where I can relax.

_____ is something I couldn't live without.

I wish I was the sort of person who _____ .

_____ is the time of day when I feel most awake.

_____ is the time of year when I feel happiest.

_____ is something that does me the world of good.

I particularly enjoy films which _____ .

I'd be thrilled if I met someone who _____ .

I'd be furious if I saw someone who _____ .

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