

IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS

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Age: Teenager/Adult

Level: Intermediate (B1)

Time: 30 minutes

Activity: In this lesson, students will:

- » read and match some questions and answers
- » ask each other the same questions and come up with their own answers
- » create some questions to ask their classmates

Language focus: mixed grammar and vocabulary

Materials: one copy of the question and answer worksheets per group (you may wish to cut up the question cards before class); blank paper for students' own questions and answers

PROCEDURE

1. Divide the class into small groups. Explain that they are going to play a question and answer game.
2. Give out a set of question cards to each group. These cards are to be cut out, shuffled, and then placed face down.
3. Students take it in turns to choose a card. The card is turned over so that everyone in the group can read the question. Each student then answers the question, including the person who turned over the card.
4. The next person chooses a card, and so on until all the cards have been used.
5. Now tell students they are going to find out how some other people answered the same questions. Hand out one copy of the Answer worksheet per group. Explain to your students that they are going to take turns. One student reads out an answer, while the others listen. Students should then decide, in their groups, what question was asked. They may want to note the question down, before they move on to the next answer. (NB. If your students are confident, ask them to produce the questions from memory, without looking at the question cards. They can then check their questions against the original cards when they have listened to all 26 answers.)

6. Once they have matched up all the questions and answers, check answers as a class, going through each answer in more detail and explain any difficult vocabulary. Then, ask students to work in small groups and create some questions and answers of their own. They should write down each question and answer on separate pieces of paper then turn them over and give them to another group to play the matching game again.

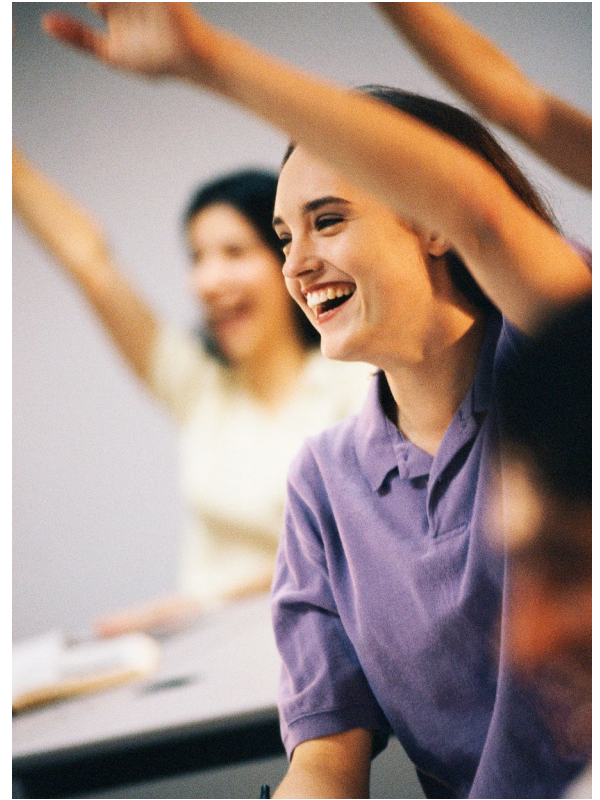
Key:

- a. 11
- b. 3
- c. 15
- d. 14
- e. 7
- f. 26
- g. 9
- h. 20
- i. 1
- j. 19
- k. 8
- l. 10
- m. 4
- n. 5
- o. 17
- p. 23
- q. 25
- r. 12
- s. 21
- t. 18
- u. 2
- v. 24
- w. 16
- x. 6
- y. 22
- z. 13

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QUESTIONS

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- a. What's the most terrifying film you've ever seen?
 - b. Have you ever written a poem?
 - c. What do you know about New York?
 - d. What's Amnesty International?
 - e. Do you have any pets?
 - f. What was the last thing you bought?
 - g. Is it better to be the oldest or the youngest child?
 - h. Do you think you could live in another country?
 - i. Talk about where you live.
 - j. Do you get on with your neighbours?
 - k. Do you know how to boil an egg?
 - l. What do you do to unwind?
 - m. Can you quote any lines from Shakespeare?
 - n. Do you like the sound of your own voice?
 - o. What are your hobbies?
 - p. Are you now or have you ever been a vegetarian?
 - q. What's your favourite dish?
 - r. Have you ever voted in an election?
 - s. Are you good at telling jokes?
 - t. Would you like to be famous?
 - u. What do you have for breakfast?
 - v. What three things would you save from your home if it was on fire?
 - w. Have you ever bought something because you saw it in a TV advert?
 - x. What sounds do you find the most annoying?
 - y. What kind of music do you like?
 - z. What's sangria?



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ANSWERS

1. I live in South London on a council estate near the River Thames in a very small flat.
2. Well, if it's on a school day I don't really have anything. But if it's not I like to have cereal and banana.
3. Yes, many times. I've written lots of poems because I'm a language teacher and I like languages. Sometimes when I feel down I write a poem.
4. To be or not to be, that is the question.
5. No, I hate the sound of my own voice especially on recordings or something like that because my voice is quite deep. When I hear it I think I don't sound anything like that. But that's probably how everyone else hears it.
6. My brother singing and shouting.
7. Yes, I have a cat, I have a cat called Edi and I've had her for 10 years.
8. Yes, the best way is: The water's boiling, you put the egg in three minutes if you want it runny and five if you want the yolk hard.
9. I think it's better to be the youngest child because if you're the eldest child you're constantly fighting battles to do things like stay out late or to get more pocket money or to have a job, and when you're the youngest child all those things, all those battles have already been fought and you can just carry on and enjoy life.
10. I like to sit down, watch TV and try to fall asleep.
11. Oh easy, *The Exorcist*. Definitely, without a doubt. I went to see it at a late-night double bill.
12. I've only ever missed voting in one election and that was recently. There was an election for the European parliament and I was on holiday in Mexico and I was too lazy to make arrangements for somebody else to vote in my place. And I feel quite ashamed of that because people fought and died for my right to vote in elections, but I didn't do it.
13. This rings a bell. I'm not 100% sure but I think it's a type of Spanish drink.
14. It is a group of people who support human rights all over the world.
15. Well, its nickname is the Big Apple and it's got Times Square where there are lots of big advertisements, much like Piccadilly Circus in London. And of course it's got the Empire State Building.
16. Yeah, a chocolate bar. The commercial was on when I was really hungry so I ran out and bought one there and then!
17. I like watching football, I like going to the cinema, I like going clubbing and going to pubs.
18. I think so. I don't think all the attention would bother me too much.
19. No, I don't. They're very stupid. They like everything to be perfect and they don't like that we scream. They don't like that we have loud music.
20. Forever? No. When I came here, what I realised is that I will never ever speak English like the English – like genuine English people and that causes lots of problems. Sometimes I would like to go back to my country, switch on the TV and understand everything, open a newspaper and understand everything, go out and understand everything, meet a nice person and have a nice chat, and here it's not possible because there is always something that I don't understand. So no, I don't think so.
21. No, awful. I have about three that I can remember and then everybody's always heard them. Or I hear someone tell one that I think is really good then I tell it and it just doesn't sound the same.
22. Well, I like jazz, reggae and jungle music, a bit of soul – not all soul – blues, flamenco of course, classical music, world music – everything except for pop and heavy metal.
23. I was a vegetarian for seven years and then I went to New Zealand and came back a meat eater.
24. The snooker table, the telly and the Sky box.
25. My favourite food is rice and beans with beef and chips. It's basically what we eat in Brazil.
26. A watch. It was a bargain. Five pounds. I got it from the market the other day. I'm not sure whether it's fake or not but for five pounds? Why not? That was the last thing I bought.