

Activity Type

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

Focus

Gerunds and infinitives

Aim

To discuss topics using gerunds and infinitives.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each pair of students and cut as indicated.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

Here is a gerunds and infinitives speaking activity for students to do in class.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs (Student A and B).

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

Students then take turns asking their partner to tell them about the things listed on their worksheet, e.g. 'Tell me about something you want to do in the future.'

Each response requires a gerund or infinitive in the answer.

To keep the conversation going, students ask follow-up questions when possible.

Afterwards, students give feedback to the class on what they found out about their partner.

Student A

Take turns asking your partner to tell you about the following things. Ask follow-up questions when possible. When you respond to what your partner asks, use a gerund or infinitive in your answer.

Tell me about...

1. something you want to do in the future.
2. something you are not very good at doing.
3. something you must remember to do this week.
4. something you would like to learn to do.
5. something you love doing at the weekend.
6. something you were encouraged to do as a child.
7. something you avoid doing.
8. something you are thinking of doing next weekend.
9. something you try to do every day.
10. something you finished doing recently.



Student B

Take turns asking your partner to tell you about the following things. Ask follow-up questions when possible. When you respond to what your partner asks, use a gerund or infinitive in your answer.

Tell me about...

1. something you need to do tomorrow.
2. something you enjoy doing on holiday.
3. something you don't like doing at home.
4. something you forgot to do recently.
5. something you are afraid of doing.
6. something you plan on doing this year.
7. something you can't afford to do at the moment.
8. something you are very bad at doing.
9. something you are too old to do.
10. something you recommend doing.

