

Twenty Questions

Aim: Give Ss practice asking yes/no questions.

Levels: 1 and 2

Preparation: None

Comment: Use to practice grammar, speaking, and listening.

- Ss work in small groups.
- Explain the task. One S in each group thinks of a famous person. The other Ss ask yes/no questions to guess the person. For example: “Is it a man? Is he a singer? Is he from Canada?” The S only answers “yes” or “no.” The S who correctly guesses the person gets a point and thinks of the next famous person.
- Model the task. Think of a famous person and the class asks yes/no questions.
- Ss play the game. The S in each group with the most points wins.

Variation 1: Write famous people’s names on pieces of paper (one name per paper, one paper per S). Attach the papers to the Ss’ backs. Ss go around the room and ask yes/no questions to guess the name (e.g., “Am I a man?”).

Variation 2: Use this game to practice present tense (e.g., *Is she an actress?*), past tense (e.g., *Was she an actress?*), or infinitives and gerunds (e.g., *Is it used to send information? Is it used for sending information?*).