

GETTING TO KNOW YOU - an introduction -

ICE-BREAKER: Use any of the activities below

ACTIVITY 1: Find someone who ...

- Give each person a 'Find someone who...' paper (see masters below)
- They have 7 sentences and have to find 7 **different** people who can fulfil these sentences - for example: Find someone who is wearing red ...
- When they have a positive response they write that person's name against the appropriate statement - they **cannot** write that person's name a second time against another statement
- Note that it is sometimes good to demonstrate the activity, depending on language level
- This is only meant as an ice-breaker activity and should not take up more than 20 minutes

ACTIVITY 2: Talk, Talk, Change ...

- Give everyone a small blank piece of paper and have them write down a question that they might want to ask someone else – encourage them to be creative and to think 'outside the box' - note that this question shouldn't be directed to a specific person but should be a 'generic' question which can be asked of anyone in the room. It should also be about the other person not something about yourself.
- When everyone has written their question – fold the papers and put them all in to a bowl
- It would also be good to have 5 or 6 creative questions already written and in the bowl - see below for possible questions.
- Mix up the questions and have everybody take one - it does not matter if a person initially picks out their own question.
- Everyone should then pair up and ask that question of the other person – they have about 3 minutes to answer each others questions
- When the leader shouts '**STOP**' the pair must exchange questions and then go off and find another partner.
- Leader should allow 3-4 minutes before shouting '**STOP**'
- Again, this is primarily an ice-breaker BUT if going well can be left to run for 20 minutes or so.

ACTIVITY 3: 'Getting to Know You' Game

- Students should be seated around a table with at least 5 people per group.
- This is a made up board game for which you'll need dice and counters – attached are masters for the questions - you'll need very large sheets of paper to make the games, which needs to be done in advance
- Play it like you would any simple board game ... roll the dice, move your marker and answer the question.
- Encourage others to listen to responses.
- If you're unable to make these questions into a board game then simply print them off, cut them up, laminate them if you want to keep them as a resource and simply use by laying out all the questions face down and letting students pick one, turn it over and answer it.

ACTIVITY 4: 'Speed Meet'

- Split everyone into pairs.
- Either give out questions for them to use OR let it run as more of a free-for-all.

OTHER IDEAS

- INTERNATIONAL OPINION (Friends International game) - note though that it may mean you need several copies of the game and you might also want to go through the questions and be a little choosy about which ones you use.
- THINGS IN COMMON - students should be in groups of at least 5 - this is a time limited exercise in which they have to make a list of as many things that they have in common (eg. we're all male) - at the end it can be fun to get a little feedback and give a small prize to the group with the most - note though that 'body parts' cannot be included!!!

Find someone

- Who likes doing jigsaw puzzles _____
- Who can play the piano _____
- Who comes from a different continent to you _____
- Who can recite the alphabet in under 10 seconds _____
- Who owns a pet with 4 legs _____
- Who reads at least one novel each week _____
- Who enjoys traveling by train _____

Find someone

- Who has seen or read a Shakespeare play (in any language) _____
- Who collects something _____
- Who can ride a motorbike _____
- Whose favourite meat is beef _____
- Who was born on a Sunday _____
- Who prefers the city to the countryside _____
- Who can speak some Russian _____

Find someone

- Who likes getting up early _____
- Who can't swim _____
- Who can tell you which language the word **cymru** is taken from _____
- Who believes in ghosts _____
- Who has moved house in the past 3 years _____
- Whose favourite colour is yellow _____
- Who hasn't got a driving license _____

Find someone

- Who lives near the sea _____
- Who likes gardening _____
- Who can play the guitar _____
- Who has flown in a helicopter _____
- Who was born in July _____
- Who loves eating chocolate _____
- Who has donated blood within the last 2 years _____

Find someone

- Who regularly goes jogging/running _____
- Who can count to 10 in five or more languages _____
- Who has played this game before _____
- Who had got more than 3 brothers or sisters _____
- Who can ride a horse _____
- Who enjoys cooking _____
- Who has lived in the southern hemisphere _____

Find someone

- Who has climbed Ben Nevis (highest mountain in Britain) _____
- Who is studying marketing _____
- Who can play a musical instrument _____
- Who is wearing something red _____
- Who can sing a song in a language other than their own _____
- Who has played football in the past week _____
- Who comes from a country on the Mediterranean Sea _____

Find someone

- Who is wearing something green _____
- Who enjoys acting _____
- Who comes from a land-locked country _____
- Whose first and last names begin with the same letter _____
- Who can paint Chinese characters _____
- Who woke up before 6am this morning _____
- Who prefers the countryside to the city _____

Find someone

- Who enjoys singing karaoke _____
- Who has experienced temperatures of -30C or below _____
- Who has never been admitted to hospital _____
- Who was born on a Thursday _____
- Whose favourite fruit is bananas _____
- Who didn't eat breakfast this morning _____
- Who likes horror films _____

Find someone

- Who has been to the cinema within the past month _____
- Who has read 'Pride & Prejudice' _____
- Who has ridden a camel _____
- Who loves playing sports _____
- Who was born in December _____
- Who hasn't seen the film 'Titanic' _____
- Whose favourite colour is black _____

Find someone

- Who enjoys reading love stories _____
- Who eats fruit (almost) every day _____
- Who doesn't own a computer _____
- Who would like to be a politician _____
- Who isn't interested in sports _____
- Who has visited more than 12 countries _____
- Whose favourite food is fish _____

Find someone

- Who watches more than 20 hours of television each week _____
- Who has never eaten Indian food _____
- Who has more than one child _____
- Who is in Scotland for the first time _____
- Who has ridden an elephant _____
- Who has an unusual hobby _____
- Who has a pet cat _____

Find someone

- Who has been to the theatre or a concert recently _____
- Who can tell you what the word '**blether**' means _____
- Who is married _____
- Who believes that world peace is possible _____
- Who has a pet dog _____
- Who has visit at least 3 different continents _____
- Who does like computers _____

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- Who would like to be a politician _____
- Who isn't interested in sports _____
- Who is in Scotland for the first time _____
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- Who thinks they're a computer expert _____
- Who has a pet cat _____

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SPEED MEET Questions

Are you a task-oriented or people-oriented person? Explain.

Are you good at making conversation with strangers? What do you find easy or difficult about it?

Are there topics in your culture that are taboo (not talked about)? What are they?

Describe your perfect holiday.

Describe yourself in 15 words or less.

Do you think there's life on other planets? Why / why not?

Do you cope well with change? Why / why not?

Do you think it's ever justifiable to steal something? Explain.

Do you think that having a lot of money makes a person happy? Explain.

Do you think you can find true friendship over the internet?

Faith, Hope & Love - which of these do you consider the most important?

If you could star in a movie, what sort of character would you like to play?

If you could travel back in time, what era would you travel to? Why?

If you were invisible for a day ... what would you do?

If you loaned something valuable to a friend and they didn't return it, what would you do?

If you had an emergency in the middle of the night, who would you call for help?

If you were to write a book, what might the title or topic be?

If you could have one talent or ability that you don't currently have, what would it be and why?

If you were stranded on a deserted island, what one luxury would you want with you?

If you won a million pounds what would be the first thing you would do or buy?

If your phone fell in the toilet, what would you do?

If you were going to be stuck on a deserted island, which FIVE books, films, people or foods would you take with you?

If your house was on fire, what three things would you save as you ran out of the door, and why?

If you could be a super-hero, what kind of super power would you like to possess?

If I want to improve my conversational skills, what advice would you give me?

If you found a bag containing lots of cash, what would you do?

If you could have an all-expenses paid holiday – where would you go and what would you do?

If you were given just 10 minutes warning that you had to make a speech, what topic would you choose to speak about and why?

If you were made leader of your country, what is the first problem you would address?

In your home nation what are the cultural rules regarding physical touch?

How do you like to spend your free time?

How do young people in your culture behave differently from young British people?

Tell me what you did last weekend.

Tell me about the most beautiful place you've ever been.

Tell me about something you are good at.

Tell me about a book or film that has impacted your life?

Tell me about your best friend and what you admire most about that person?

Tell me three things (*two positive & one negative*) that characterise your home culture/nation?

Tell me about a famous person (past or present) who you admire and why.

Tell me about an important cultural festival from your home nation.

To which sporting event would you like to win an all-expenses paid trip?

What things make you angry?

What would be your ideal job?

What has been the highlight, for you, of past year?

What things have you found most difficult to adjust to here at university or in UK?

What's the worst job you've ever had to do?

What personality traits do you most like and least like about yourself?

What sort of things make you laugh or make you happy?

What have been the happiest moments of your life?

What do you appreciate most about your parents?

What five adjectives would you use to describe your personality?

What do you hope to be doing five years from now?

What do you do when you feel lonely or sad?

What is your favourite genre of film? Why?

What is your most treasured possession?

What's the best piece you have ever been given? Who was it from?

What did you get in to trouble for, when you were a child?

What do you think is the ideal age to get married? Why?

What do you think are some of the biggest challenges of cross-cultural friendships?

What dreams/desires do you have for the future?

Which do you think is more valuable to you – the sense of sight or the sense of hearing?

Who has most influenced your life? Why and how?

Would you prefer to live in the city or in the countryside? Why?

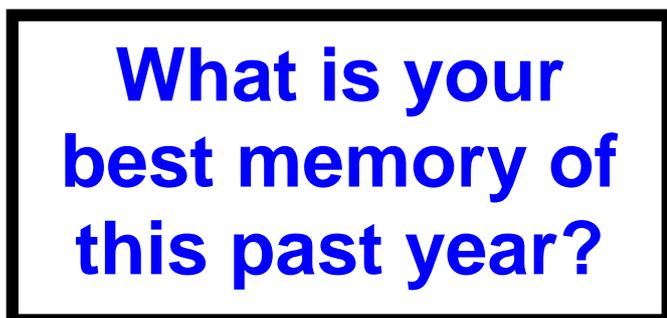
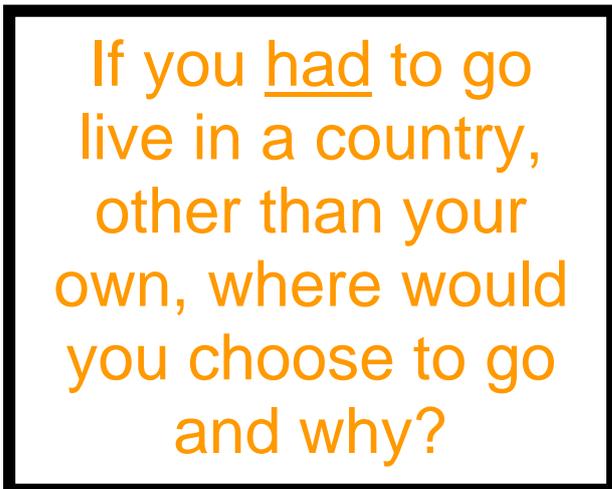
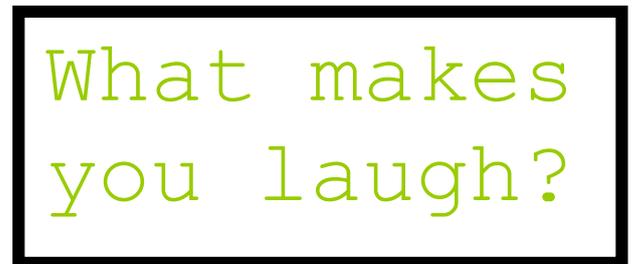
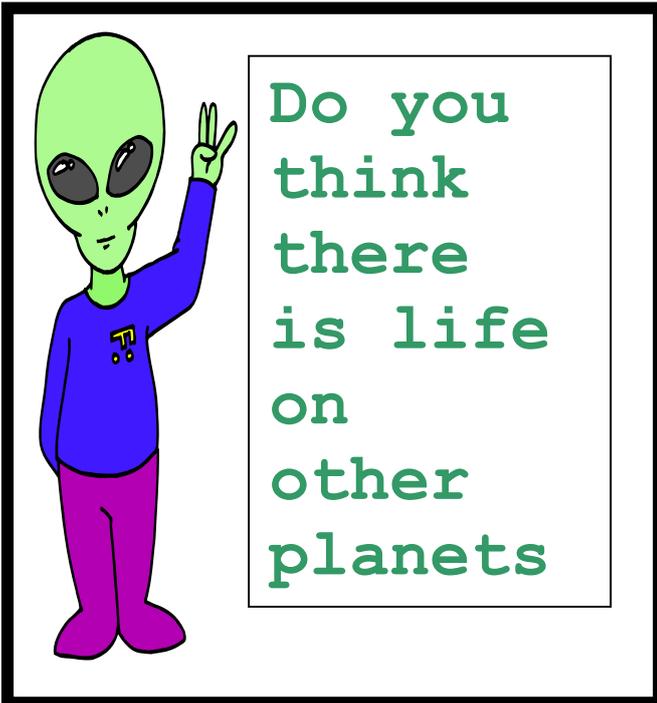
Would you ever consider marrying someone from another culture or religion? Explain.

Would you rather be good looking or rich?

What kind of films do you enjoy most? Tell me about your favourite film.

What kind of people or habits really frustrate you? Explain.

What was the last film you saw at the cinema? What did you think of it?



Tell us about a famous person (past or present) that you admire. Why?

If you could be invisible for a day, what would you do?

If you won a million pounds – what would be the first thing you'd do or buy?

What things have you found most difficult to adjust to in coming to Scotland?

Tell us about the most beautiful place you have ever been.

If you could spend the day with any celebrity (past or present) – who would it be and why?

Tell us about your best friend. What qualities do you most admire in that person?

If you woke up suddenly and your house was on fire, what three things would you save as you ran out of the door? Why?

If you had an emergency at 2 o'clock in the morning - who would you call for help?



If you could star in a film, what sort of character would you like to play?

If you were to loan something valuable to a friend and they didn't return it – what would you do?

**Tell us about what
you did last
weekend**

**Do you think that it
would ever be
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something? Explain
your answer.**

**If you were shipwrecked
on a deserted island –
what one luxury would
you like to have with
you?**

**Faith, Hope and Love
– which of these do you
consider to be the
greatest or most
important?**

**Describe your
favourite item
of clothing**

**Who has
the most
influence
in your
life?**

**If your
cell
phone
fell in
to the
toilet,
what
would you
do?**

Have you ever done any extreme sports? What would you like to do?

What do you think you'll be doing five years from now?

If you were made leader of your country, what is the first problem that you would address?

What is the scariest film you've ever seen?

In your country, what is a common form of greeting? What sort of greeting might be considered rude?

Tell us about your family

In your culture, how acceptable is it for people to display emotions, such as anger or extreme sadness,

How many different cities/towns have you lived in? Which was your favourite?

If you could be an animal which would you choose to be and why?

If you could travel back in time, what age/period would you choose to go to and why?

Are you a 'morning' or a 'night' person?

If you could write a book what might the subject/title be?



START

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Would you prefer to live in the countryside or in a city? Why?

Tell us about a book that has impacted you.

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What kind of people or habits really frustrate you?

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What is most valuable to you – the sense of sight or the sense of hearing?

What do you like/ appreciate most about your parents?