



Ask the Expert

Focus: Speaking

Level: A2 upwards

Key Language: Hobbies, Questions



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Aims

- To develop fluency skills and build confidence
- To practise specific phrases and vocabulary
- To practise question forms

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Procedure

1. Ask students to choose a topic they know a lot about (a sport, a hobby, a person, a place etc.).
 2. Tell them that they are going to be asked questions about the topic by another person.
 3. Give them time to look up vocabulary related to the topic (This could be for homework).
 4. When students are ready, organise them into dyadic circles each with a maximum of 12 students (see D for Dyadic Circle).
 5. Each pair of students has 2 minutes to find out as much as possible from the expert facing them.
 6. After two minutes, the people in the outer circle move one space to the right and face a new expert.
 7. Students repeat the procedure (as time allows/as is relevant).
- **Tip 1:** The topics can be limited to a specific theme (e.g. sport, holidays, work) in order to revise a vocabulary area.
 - **Tip 2:** Students can look at their partners' topics prior to the speaking in order to prepare questions.
 - **Tip 3:** Students could be set a task to do while listening to each other; e.g. one interesting fact, one new piece of vocabulary.