



Dyadic Circles

Focus: Speaking

Level: A1 upwards

Key Language: Any



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Aims

- To develop fluency skills and build confidence
- To practise specific phrases and vocabulary through repetition
- To allow for a controlled mingle activity

Procedure

This is not an activity as such, but a way of organising students to interact with their classmates and share information.

1. Ask 5 or 6 students to form a circle and face outwards.
2. Get one student to face each of the 5 or 6 students. You will now have an inner and an outer circle, with 5 or 6 pairs facing each other.
3. Students do the task you have set them. When they have done it, the people in the outer circle move one space to the right (clockwise) to face a new partner.
4. This procedure is repeated until each student has made a full circuit of the circle.

Suggestions for Uses

- 1: Questionnaire activities where students have to ask 5 or 6 people.
- 2: Short speaking activities, limiting time to 2 minutes (see Ask the Expert activity card).

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