

Communication Activities

Beginner Level

Pass It

1. Have student sit in a circle. Give each an item.
2. First, have everyone in the class go around and name all the items in the circle. Teacher says first, and has students repeat them.
3. Change the statements into questions: is it red? Green? big? small? And so on.
4. Then the teacher names the items at random and the student with that item displays it.
5. Next, pass the items while the teacher plays some music in the target language. The teacher stops the music, everyone stops passing the objects, and the teacher asks, "Who has the (object)?" The student with the object named shouts out in the target language.
6. The teacher repeats passing the items until students seem comfortable with the new vocabulary.

Preposition Race

1. Get two cardboard boxes, and divide the class into two teams
2. Enlist a student from each team and have them each stand beside a box.
3. Have a different student for each preposition. Alternating teams, shout prepositions to the volunteers, who must jump in, out, beside, around, far from, close to, over, on, or between the two boxes. Preposition may not be repeated during a round, so students must listen to what has already been called out
4. Give a point to the side whose volunteer understands the preposition and position correctly, first.

Intermediate-Level Activities

Simple Phone Call

Material: Telephone

1. Give students a topic for telephone conversation. Brainstorm any vocabulary that might be necessary for a conversation on that topic, and review how to answer a telephone and other telephone phrases such as “just a minute.”

First example:

- Greet the person who answers and identify yourself.
- Tell two things you did to help around the house this week.
- Ask questions
- Say goodbye.

Second example:

- Greet the person who answers and identify yourself
- Invite them to do something with you at a specific place and time
- They refuse, because they are busy/do not want to
- They suggest a different activity
- Agree to do that
- Agree on a time and place to meet
- Say goodbye

Telephone Conversation record Form

Name _____

Person Called _____

The first thing your partner said:

What you invited him/her to do with you:

What they suggested instead:

Time and place you decided to meet:

