

Out-of-The-Box Teaching Activities to Develop Creativity and Critical Thinking in a Second Language

Warm-up Activity with Student-Centered Questions and Answers

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Duration: 10-15 minutes

Target student proficiency level: Varies

Target student age: Varies

Objectives: To develop

Language skills: speaking and listening to ask and answer questions

Content knowledge: various topics in the curriculum

Cognitive abilities: reasoning, critical thinking

Social abilities: taking an active role to engage with lesson content, responding appropriately to questions on the spot

Materials:

Cards with numbers written on them (the number of cards is the same as the number of students in the class)

Preparation:

(Before every lesson, each student chooses a card randomly and keeps it till the end of the lesson)



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(before the lesson of this activity:

- 1) introduce the topic of the next lesson to students and ask them to prepare a set of questions about the topic)
- +) instruct students on how to ask good questions) for example, if the topic is household chores, some questions are:
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on the day of this activity:

- 1) write the topic of the reading/speaking/listening/writing activity on the board)
- +) Have all students stand up)
- >) call out a random number within the class) The student with the card of that number will ask a question) That student then chooses a number they want and sits down) The number range may be written on the board