

Fruit and vegetables

A fun activity to practise fruit and vegetable vocabulary.

Aims

- To practise simple personal questions:

What's your name?

How old are you?

Are you married?

How many children do you have?

What's your job?

- To revise basic vocabulary
- To break the ice and make students relax and enjoy using English
- To incorporate body language and intonation in the lesson
- To get students moving around the classroom and changing the dynamics away from a teacher-led activity

Procedure

- Ask students to write down the following words on a scrap of paper, keeping what they write secret from those around them.
- Tell them to write:

1. the name of a fruit

2. the name of a vegetable

3. a number between 1 and 200

4. Ask them to write the answer to this question – Do you like football?

5. How many pencils and pens do you have?

6. What is the first thing you do every morning?

- Now tell them that these things are actually:

1. their first name

2. their family name

3. their age

4. are they married?

5. how many children they have

6. their job

- Now they must get up and go around the class and ask the personal questions and share information about their new selves.
- Encourage them to shake hands (if appropriate) and make eye contact when meeting new people.
- If they don't automatically use intonation appropriate for surprise etc, why not model it before the activity. For example:

How old are you?

A hundred and fifty seven.

Really!?! (said with rising intonation and a long stretch of the word)

- This game ensures that students really listen to the answers of their questions as it is an information gap – they won't know what the answers will be.