

Access English Centre Immigrant Centre Manitoba Multi-level: Warm-up Activity



Cute Pictures

15 minutes

Objective/Goal:

Gives participants the opportunity to share their sense of humour with one another and be creative.

Materials:

Participants need:

- Optional* "cute" pictures (calendar pictures)

Facilitator needs:

- whiteboard and whiteboard markers
- computer(with internet access)
- projector
- screen

Websites to explore:

http://www.buzzfeed.com/lilyboo/pictures-that-willmake-you-say-awwwwwwwwwwww http://cuteoverload.com/ http://www.awwpix.com/ http://www.cutestpage.com/friends.htm

http://www.freeprintables.org/8-blank-speechbubbles/#

(optional)

Procedure:

Before the activity:

1) Explore the listed websites or choose your own website. Remember choose an appropriate site.

Introduce the Activity:

- 2) Write "Cute Pictures" on the whiteboard.
- 3) Have the participants **gather together** facing the whiteboard.
- 4) Explain to the whole group that today they will look at the screen and within their groups decide what is the "cute picture" telling us.
- 5) **Go to**:

-You will see 32 pictures. Choose 1 to display or try the other websites.

- 6) **Select** 1 picture as a demo/model to display.
- 7) Depending on the English level, **brainstorm**: ask the whole group what would



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be an appropriate phrase or saying.

For Beginner English:

Ex. One – word or short answer

cute birds

For Intermediate Level: Phrase

We belong together.

For Advanced Level: Idiom or phrase

3 peas in a pod



- 8. Write the words on the whiteboard.
- 9. **Explain** to everyone that they will view a picture from the screen. Each team will think of a saying that fits the picture. **Give** everyone 5 minutes to view and talk among their group members.
- 10. **Share** each group's response with the whole group. They will take turns talking about the topic on the whiteboard. Make it known that there is no right or wrong answer. Everyone is simply sharing what they think.

Extension Activities:

- **A. Take** the pictures and **decide** as a whole group which saying is best and post on the classroom walls. You can use speech bubbles to write the best sayings and attach to pictures.
 - (optional: http://www.freeprintables.org/8-blank-speech-bubbles/#)
- **B.** Instead of Cute pictures, you can do research on Funny Pictures (Be aware, choose carefully for appropriate slides.) or use funny cartoons (**Choose appropriate content**.)