

Access English Centre
Immigrant Centre Manitoba
Conversation Circle
Ice-breaker
Intermediate Level

Facilitator Notes:

This is a warm up activity aimed at getting learners to mingle among themselves and get to know each other. It works well for intermediate plus groups. Time needed for the whole activity is roughly about 45 to 60 min.

Preparation:

1. Get some smaller size pieces of paper for learners to write their name on.
2. Get a bigger size tin box.
3. Have all learners write their names on the paper and put them into the tin box before the session starts.

Step one: Facilitator introduce the procedure of this activity to the whole group. (First, write a name tag, and pick up a name from the bag/box. Second, find the person. Third, interview the person. Last, introduce the person to the group.)

Step two: Find your buddy. Encourage learners to walk around to find the right person whose name tag they have picked from the box by practicing "Greetings and Introductions" (See attached)

Step three: Learners Interview the person they have picked. (See the attached questions)

Step four: Learners will introduce the person to the group after they collect all the information from their interviews. (See the attached)

Introductions and Greetings:

Example one:

A: Hi, my name is Sue. How are you?

B: Hi, my name is George. I am fine, thanks

A: Nice to meet you. Well, I am looking for Steve.

B: Sorry, I am not Steve. I am looking for Maria. Talk to you later.

A: Sure, see you later.

Example two:

A: Hi, my name is Yan. What is your name?

B: Hi, my name is Joe.

A: Great. I am looking for you, Joe. Nice to meet you.

B: Nice to meet you, too.

A: May I ask you some questions?

B: Sure.

Questions for Interview:

1. Where are you from? How do you spell it?
2. When did you come to Canada?
3. Do you have a family? Is your family here?
4. How many people are in your family?
5. How many languages do you speak?
6. What did you do in your home country?
7. How did you feel when you first came to Canada?
8. How many seasons are there in your home country?
9. Which season is your favorite season? Why?
10. Do you have a hobby? What is it?
11. Do you speak English at home? Why?
12. Do you have some friends in Canada?
13. What do you like to do on your weekend?

Introduce your buddy:

Example: My partner is S/He has been in Canada for

S/He came to Canada with / by herself / himself. S/He worked

..... S/He felt very happy /sad /excited /confused when s/he first came to Canada.

Your Turn to Introduce Your Buddy:

My partner _____.

S/H e is _____.

There are _____

S/He speaks _____

S/He was _____

S/He felt _____.

There are _____

His/Her hobby _____

S/He _____