

Access English Centre
Immigrant Centre Manitoba
"This is ..., That is ..., He/She is from ..., I'm"
Warm-up Activity (Name Circle)
10-15 minutes
Beginner Level

Facilitator Note: This is a fun activity for beginner level participants to do, so that they can get to know each other by telling the group the names of all the people sitting to their right before introducing themselves. The participants will practice using basic statements. **The aims of this activity is Speaking.**

Warm-up

Materials: Participants need: pencils/pens, paper
 Facilitator needs: Whiteboard and whiteboard markers, toy potato/toy apple

5 min.

Procedure:

1. First, the facilitator writes the following sentences on the white board: "This is ..., He / She is from ..., I'm ..., I'm from ...," the sentences are very helpful for visual learners.
2. The facilitator begins the conversation by giving his/her name to the group such as "I'm Frank Lee. I am from Winnipeg, Manitoba."
3. The participant sitting to the left of the facilitator continues the exercises by first pointing at the facilitator and saying, "**This is** Frank Lee. **He is** from Winnipeg."

10-15 min.

4. Then, the same participant continues by saying "**I'm** Daniel Smith. **I'm** from Chile." The participant sitting to the left of Daniel continues the exercises by saying "**This is** Daniel Smith. **He is** from Chile. **I'm** Sara Kim. **I am** from South Korea"
5. The participant sitting to the left of Sara continues the exercises by saying "**This is** Sara. **She is** from South Korea."
6. In this way, everybody in the group has the chance to introduce the person sitting to the left and make a self introduction as well. (10 minutes)

Variation Activity: Other subjects can be " I'm Lori Smith. I'm from Australia. **My** favorite food is Chinese food." Or, "I'm Shanshan. I'm from China. **I have** ten children." Or "I'm Tony Horton. I **immigrated** to Canada 5 year ago." A toy animal or toy fruit can be used to relax the atmosphere. It is handed from one person to the next in the circle and only the person who is holding the object can speak.