

Access English Centre

Immigrant Centre Manitoba

Group Activity: Who Am I?

Intermediate Level

Facilitator Notes:

Some newcomers with limited English are shy and lack confidence to ask or answer questions in the public. It has been a challenge to most of the EAL facilitators. It shows that learners would like to try and be active in a fun and entertaining learning environment. So, having fun and playing games can break the stiffness and unwillingness. This is an interesting group activity. It can be done with a whole group, or place learners into smaller groups with 3 to 4 learners.

Preparation:

1. Pre-teach some commonly used descriptive words such as adjectives: for example - well-known, famous, old, young, male, and female and some nouns such as actor, actress, dancer, pop singer, or leaders of countries such as Queen Elizabeth, President Ronald Reagan, or Elvis Presley.
2. Prepare some large size pictures of well-known figures, such as Barack Obama, Ronald Reagan, Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson, Michael Jordon, etc. Learners are encouraged to bring their own photos to do this activity as well.

Step one:

Call one student away from the group. Show the student a picture. (Make sure that the student recognizes the individual) The student then stands in front of the class. The group will ask questions in order to guess who the student is.

When a student correctly guesses who the student is, he or she becomes the next mystery person. (See the attached questions #1)

Step two:

Repeat the same procedure to figure out who the person is. If learners pick his/her own picture, the group has to question him/her what s/he was wearing; where s/he was; how old s/he was by then; who else was in the picture; where the picture was taken; and which country was s/he in at that time. When a learner correctly describes the picture, s/he becomes the next person to pick a picture. (See the attached questions #2)

Step three:

This activity can also be used to guess a place by asking such as “Is it a picture of a city or a country?” Is it a place in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada or in Moscow, Russia? etc. (See the attached questions #3.)

Suggestion: Collect pictures of people or places from magazines and newspapers or prints from internet.

#1 Questions: “Who Am I” (Pictures of famous persons)

- **Are you male or female?**
- **Are you young or old?**
- **Are you a singer or actor?**
- **Are you dead or alive?**

- **How old are you?**
- **Where are you from?**
- **What do you do to make a living?**
- **Do you like singing or dancing?**
- **What sport do you like most?**
- **How often are you on television?**
- **Where do / did you live?**
- **What do / did you do everyday?**
- **Who do / did you work for?**
- **What would you like to do if you had more power?**
- **Who likes you more, children or adults, old or young?**
- **What language do you speak?**
- **Who do / did you work with?**

#2 Questions: “Who are you?” (Learners’ Pictures)

- 1. Are you wearing a T-shirt or a Jacket?**
- 2. Is it in winter or summer?**
- 3. Is it inside or outside?**
- 4. Are you old or young?**
- 5. Are you a boy or a father?**
- 6. Are you alone or with your family?**
- 7. Are you standing or sitting?**

8. Are you having a birthday party or wedding?
9. Are you with your teacher and your schoolmate?
10. Are you riding a bike or a motorcycle?

#3 Questions: What is it? (A picture of a place)

1. Is it a picture of a city or countryside?
2. Is it in Canada or in your country?
3. Is it in summer or in winter?
4. Is it a picture of a mountain or an ocean view?
5. Is it a picture of a lake or a river?
6. Is it a picture of a park or a market?
7. Is it a picture of a building or a house?