

Activity Type

Speaking Game: writing, asking and answering questions from prompts, guessing (pair work)

Focus

Would you rather / choose / prefer...? questions

Stating preferences

Hypothetical questions

Aim

To practice forming, asking and answering hypothetical *Would you rather / choose / prefer...?* questions.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this expressing preferences game, students write hypothetical *Would you...?* questions for a partner and guess which choices they would make.

Procedure

Divide the students into two groups (A and B).

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

First, students write *Would you rather / choose / prefer...?* questions to ask a partner from prompts.

Afterwards, check the questions with each group.

Answer key - Student A

1. Would you prefer to live in the city or in the countryside?
2. Would you rather lose your wallet or your phone?
3. Would you choose to hear good news or bad news first?
4. Would you rather live without hot water or Wi-Fi?
5. Would you prefer to make a phone call or send a text?
6. Would you prefer to travel backwards or forwards in time?
7. Would you rather be a student or a teacher?
8. Would you prefer to have more time or more money?
9. Would you choose to receive a gift or give one?
10. Would you rather hold a giant spider or a giant snake?

Answer key - Student B

1. Would you rather win \$1 million or find the perfect partner?
2. Would you prefer to live in a very hot or a very cold country?
3. Would you choose to live a long and boring life or a short and exciting one?
4. Would you rather have no money or no friends?
5. Would you choose to save your own life or the lives of ten strangers?
6. Would you prefer to work in your home country or work abroad?
7. Would you rather own a cafe or a restaurant?
8. Would you prefer to have six dogs or six children?
9. Would you choose to be able to fly or read people's minds?
10. Would you rather lose your sight or your hearing?

Next, students pair up with someone from the other group.

Working alone, students guess and underline what they think their partner's choice would be for each question.

Students then take turns asking their partner the questions and reasons for their answers. Students put a tick for each answer they guessed correctly.

The student with the most correct guesses wins the game.

Student A

A. Write 'Would you rather / choose / prefer...?' questions to ask a partner using the prompts below.

Find out if your partner...	✓
1. would prefer to live in the city or in the countryside.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. would rather lose their wallet or their phone.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. would choose to hear good news or bad news first.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. would rather live without hot water or Wi-Fi.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. would prefer to make a phone call or send a text.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. would prefer to travel backwards or forwards in time.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. would rather be a student or a teacher.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. would prefer to have more time or more money.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. would choose to receive a gift or give one.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. would rather hold a giant spider or a giant snake.?	<input type="checkbox"/>

B. Underline what you think your partner's choice would be for each question.

C. Now, take turns asking your partner the questions and find out the reasons for their answers. Put a tick for each answer you guessed correctly. The student with the most correct guesses wins.

Student B

A. Write 'Would you rather / choose / prefer...?' questions to ask a partner using the prompts below.

Find out if your partner	✓
1. would rather win \$1 million or find the perfect partner.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. would prefer to live in a very hot or a very cold country.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. would choose to live a long and boring life or a short and exciting one.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. would rather have no money or no friends.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. would choose to save their own life or the lives of ten strangers.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. prefer to work in their home country or work abroad.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. would rather own a cafe or a restaurant.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. would prefer to have six dogs or six children.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. would choose to be able to fly or read people's minds.?	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. would rather lose their sight or their hearing.?	<input type="checkbox"/>

B. Underline what you think your partner's choice would be for each question.

C. Now, take turns asking your partner the questions and find out the reasons for their answers. Put a tick for each answer you guessed correctly. The student with the most correct guesses wins.