

Activity Type

Speaking Activity: gap-fill, forming sentences from prompts, asking and answering questions, communicative practice (pair work)

Focus

Giving opinions

Adjectives of opinion

Why?

because

Aim

To practice phrases for giving opinions, adjectives of opinion, *why* and *because*.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each pair of students and cut as indicated.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

Here is a giving opinions and reasons activity to help students practice phrases for giving opinions, adjectives of opinion, *why* and *because*.

Procedure

Begin by writing the following on the board:

I think that... watch/TV...

- a. boring
- b. interesting
- c. relaxing
- d.

Ask the students to express their opinions on the topic using the prompts or their own opinion adjective, putting the verb in its -ing form, e.g. 'I think that watching TV is fun.'

Then, ask the students why they think that and have them respond using *because*...

Next, divide the students into pairs.

Give each pair a set of cards.

Ask the students to deal the cards out evenly.

Students then read their cards and write a fourth adjective of opinion for each topic.

After that, students combine their cards, shuffle them and place them face-down in a pile on the table.

Students then take turns picking up a card and laying it face-up.

The student then gives their opinion about the topic by making a sentence from the prompt, e.g. 'I think that learning English is easy.'

Their partner then asks them why.

The student then explains the reason for their opinion, starting with the word *because*.

Their partner then gives their opinion on the topic, and so on.

Afterwards, students report back to the class on their partner's opinions and reasons.

This activity can also be used to practice other phrases for giving opinions, e.g. 'In my opinion...'



1. watch / TV...

- a. boring
- b. interesting
- c. relaxing
- d.

2. learn / English...

- a. easy
- b. difficult
- c. interesting
- d.

3. ride / a bicycle...

- a. fun
- b. relaxing
- c. awesome
- d.

4. travel / by air...

- a. exciting
- b. uncomfortable
- c. boring
- d.

5. use / social media...

- a. interesting
- b. bad
- c. enjoyable
- d.

6. live / alone...

- a. difficult
- b. fun
- c. boring
- d.

7. travel / abroad...

- a. amazing
- b. interesting
- c. exciting
- d.

8. play / computer games...

- a. fun
- b. boring
- c. awesome
- d.

9. watch / action films...

- a. enjoyable
- b. boring
- c. exciting
- d.

10. shop / for clothes...

- a. fun
- b. boring
- c. great
- d.

11. save / money...

- a. difficult
- b. important
- c. easy
- d.

12. do / regular exercise...

- a. tiring
- b. amazing
- c. boring
- d.

13. do / homework...

- a. important
- b. useful
- c. boring
- d.

14. cook...

- a. easy
- b. difficult
- c. fun
- d.