16A How well do you know your classmates?

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Type of activity

Writing, speaking. Whole class.

To practise question forms.

Task

To guess the answers to questions about your classmates and check whether or not you are correct.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Timing

20 minutes

Procedure

- 1 Fold each of the worksheets as shown so that only the spaces where the students write their names are visible.
- 2 If possible, ask the students to sit in a circle or horseshoe.
- **3** Give out one worksheet to each student. They should not open out the worksheet.
- 4 Each student then writes their name in one of the spaces and passes the folded worksheet to the right.
- 5 The next student writes their name in any one of the remaining spaces, before passing it on again.
- **6** Continue until all the spaces have been filled. Then hand on the worksheet one more time.
- 7 Each student opens out the worksheet to find sixteen questions about different people, e.g. Where did Anna last go on holiday?
- **8** The students try to guess the answer to each of the questions and write this next to the question.

- 9 The students then mingle and ask the questions. They record with a tick (✓) or a cross (X) whether or not they had guessed correctly.
 - This continues until all the questions have been asked.
- 10 The winner is the person who has the most correct guesses.

Follow up

In pairs, the students tell each other what they have learned.

Notes & comments

An alternative procedure is to get each student to randomly write the names of their classmates on the dotted lines. The potential problem with this, especially in bigger classes, is that some students' names may appear a lot, and others only a little if at all!

In smaller classes, fewer than sixteen, get the students to write their names in more than one slot (e.g. with a class of eight, each student fills two slots).

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What's		's favourite possession?
Who in the world would		most like to meet?
What's		's greatest wish?
When did		last have a haircut?
Which would		rather be – a frog or a snake?
Where in the world would		like to be right now?
How many times has		been in love?
When did		first kiss someone?
What's		's idea of a perfect day?
Where did		last go on holiday?
What will		be doing at nine tonight?
How often does		speak English outside class?
What's		's favourite smell?
How many languages can		count to ten in?
What's		's favourite English word?