



FIND SOMEONE WHO ... (SIMPLE PAST IRREGULAR VERBS)

Learners practise asking questions using Simple Past irregular verbs

Level:	Elementary - Post-Elementary
Target Audience:	Secondary, Adults
Language / Skills Focus:	Simple Past Irregular Verbs, Speaking
Activity Time:	20 minutes
Materials:	One copy of the 'Find someone who...' worksheet for each learner A cassette of lively songs

MATERIALS PREPARATION

Use the 'Find someone who ...' worksheet or make up your own for your particular class.

IN CLASS

- 1 Give each learner a copy of the 'Find Someone Who' worksheet and explain the aim of the activity if your learners have not done a similar one before. Their task is to complete each space on the sheet with the name of a different learner in the class. To do this, each learner should work with a partner and they should question each other. The moment they get a 'yes' answer to a question, they should write their partner's name in the appropriate space on the sheet and then change partners.
- 2 Go through the questions carefully with your learners to clear up any language difficulties and to check that they can form the questions correctly. If you wish to have a trial run, let your learners ask you the questions. You should make sure that your answers are natural and that they include both long and short answers where appropriate.
- 3 Tell your learners to work together in the middle of the room, and begin the activity. Remind them that they must speak to everyone in the class. Play a selection of lively songs during the activity to establish a party-like atmosphere.
- 4 When they have finished, work with the whole class, and ask them to call out what they discovered about each other.

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'Find Someone Who' is a well-established ELT activity with many possible applications. I first learned of it in "Caring and Sharing in the Foreign Language Class" by Gertrude Moskowitz (Newbury House, 1978) where it is entitled 'Search for Someone Who ...'.

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Worksheet

Find someone who ...

NAME

- drank coffee for breakfast this morning.
- went to the cinema last week.
- got up before six o'clock today.
- ate Cornflakes for breakfast this morning.
- went to bed after midnight last night.
- felt nervous at the start of the lesson.
- saw a film last week.
- took music lessons as a child.
- caught a cold last winter.
- woke up late this morning.
- wore the same shoes yesterday.
- lost something valuable last year.
- got some letters last week.
- went abroad in 1999.
- did their homework last night.
- came late to the last lesson.
- had a bath this morning.
- spent last night at home.
- came to the lesson by car.
- saw something good on TV last night.