



FIND SOMEONE WHO ... (PRESENT CONTINUOUS)

Learners practise asking questions using the Present Continuous for present activities around now

Level:	Pre-Intermediate - Intermediate
Target Audience:	Secondary, Adults
Language / Skills Focus:	Present Continuous, 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. You should also insist on learners using the weak pronunciation of 'Are' in questions.
- 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**

- is saving up to buy something special.
- is learning a musical instrument.
- is reading a good book.
- is sleeping badly.
- is getting better at English.
- is following a programme on TV.
- is taking driving lessons.
- is doing some decorating at home.
- is working more hours than usual.
- is looking for a new job.
- is trying to give up something.
- is enjoying the English lessons.
- is learning to swim.
- is planning their next holiday.
- is revising for an exam.
- is staying at home more than usual.
- is looking forward to Christmas.