

11C Tell me more!

Activity type: Speaking – Card game – Groups

Aim: To practise asking questions in order to show interest and keep a conversation going

Language: Using questions to develop a conversation – Use at any point from Explore Speaking, p96.

Preparation: Make one copy of the worksheet for every three learners, and cut up the worksheets to form a set of white topic cards and a set of grey question cards for every three learners.

Time: 20–30 minutes

- 1 Divide learners into groups of three and give each group a set of white topic cards and a set of grey question cards.
- 2 Learners shuffle the topic cards and place them face down in a pile on the table. Ask one learner in each group (Learner A) to deal out the question cards equally to the other two learners (Learners B and C), who then look at the cards and read the questions written on them. Explain that Learner A has to turn over the top topic card and begin talking about the topic written on it. Learners B and C have to listen carefully to what Learner A says and try to find opportunities to ask the questions on the cards they are holding. If they manage to ask a question, they discard the question card, and the speaker continues talking about the same topic. The round continues with Learner A in the role of speaker until one of the other learners has managed to discard all their cards. This learner is the winner of the round, and the round ends. Start the first round.
- 3 For the second round, Learner B is the speaker and Learners A and C are dealt the question cards, and so on. After three rounds, when all three learners have been in the role of speaker, learners make a note of who won each round. Then start another three rounds in the same way, and continue as before, gradually working through the pile of topic cards. Continue the game for as many sets of three rounds as you like, or until all the topic cards have been used up (as there are 12 topic cards, this would be after four sets of three rounds). The learner who has won the most rounds is then declared the winner.

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TOPIC CARDS

your last holiday	your first day at school	something interesting you saw on TV recently
what you did last weekend	your first job	your last birthday
what you did last night	the last time you played a sport	an expensive thing you bought in the past
the last film you saw at the cinema	the last time you ate out	a beautiful place you have visited

QUESTION CARDS

What did you do?	So what happened?	And what happened next?
Where did you go?	What was it like?	Who was with you?
What did you think?	Did you like it?	What was it about?
What did you say?	When was it?	Did you have a good time?