

Downloadable resource 7:

100 questions to ask your students at the door

This resource corresponds to **Chapter 14: Movement and space**.

Content

This resource contains 100 questions, each on its own side of paper, in letters as large as possible. These can be held up as prompts for students to make a sentence each as they enter class.

Rationale

Students are normally eager to enter the room and get sat down at the start of a class. Asking them to produce a sentence in English as they come in is useful for many reasons:

- ▶ It helps them adjust from the L1 conversations they have been having outside.
- ▶ It reminds them that the main point of English lessons is for them to produce sentences and for the teacher to help them.
- ▶ It encourages teacher to student interaction between yourself and every student in the class.
- ▶ It shows you what mood/state of mind each student is in.
- ▶ It provides personalised language practice.
- ▶ It guarantees that each student has spoken at least one sentence in English that class.

Procedure

Either the whole file, or part of it, can be printed off and kept in a stack near to the door or on your teacher's shelf, staffroom locker etc. Each day, you can take one of the questions and use it with all your students and all your groups. Student responses are spoken, with the teacher providing language where necessary but each student trying, where the question allows, to make their response as original as possible.

**I live in a/an
[+adjective]
neighbourhood.**

**There are [plenty
of/only a few /
no] shops in my
neighbourhood.**

**I get on well/
badly/okay with
my neighbours.**

**I live in the
centre of town/
on the outskirts/
in a suburb/in
a village.**

**I live ... minutes
away from here
[walking/by car/
train/bus].**

**The main
street in my
neighbourhood
has got...**

**Some well-known
buildings in my
neighbourhood
are...**

**The best thing
about my
neighbourhood
is...**

**The worst
thing about my
neighbourhood
is...**

**I get on with
my [+ family
member] best.**

**I tend to clash
with my [+family
member or friend].**

**I spend most
time with my [+
family member].**

**In terms of
character, I am
most like my...**

**In terms of
appearance,
I am most
like my...**

**The best thing
about my
family is...**

**My whole family
gets together
at... [+ festival or
time of the year].**

**We [sometimes /
always/often/
hardly ever]
eat together.**

**The walls of
my room are
painted...**

**There are
[paintings/
posters/pictures]
on the wall of...**

**I spend about
[number of
hours] a day in
my room when
I'm not sleeping.**

**The furniture in my
room is [modern/
traditional/from
Ikea/brown
/white etc.]...**

**Next to my
bed I have...**

**I share my room
with...Or//**

**I have a room to
myself which is
good because...**

**If I were
an animal,
I would be...**

**My favourite
colour is...
because...**

**I'm really into...
[+ something
you love].**

I'm particularly

keen on... [+

something you

like a lot (noun or

verb + -ing)].

**I'm particularly
fond of... [+ a
food you like].**

**I can't stand...[+
anything you hate
in this world].**

**In terms of
character, I
would describe
myself as...**

**My friends think
that I'm...**

**I see my friends
[after school/
at school/at
weekends].**

**My friends come
mostly from my
school/outside
of school.**

**When we get
together we [go
skating/play video
games/go to each
other's houses etc.]**

**My friends
are important
because...**

**I talk to my friends
[on skype/by text /
over WhatsApp/
on Instagram/
on Twitter/ on
Snapchat...].**

**I'm particularly
fond of...
[+ animal
(in plural)].**

**I don't like...
[+ animal or
insect] much.**

**I used to
have a...
[+ previous pet].**

**In the future I
might get a... [+
future pet].**

**I enjoy watching
wildlife
documentaries
about...**

**I think _____
are the most
beautiful animals.**

I grew up in

_____.

**I was a [quiet/
difficult] baby.**

**I was born in
[place/hospital/
at home].**

**I was born
at [time].**

**I was born on
the ... of ...**

**I went to
nursery
/kindergarten
in...**

**My favourite toy
when I was little
was a ...**

**I used to
like [+TV
programme for
little ones].**

**I'm particularly
fond of... [+
food].**

**I never
finish my...
[+ a type of food
you always leave
on the plate].**

I'm allergic to...

**I often go for...
[+ a food you choose
in restaurants].**

**My all time
favourite
dish is...**

**I am in the [+
year group].**

**I have been
at my current
school for ...**

**There are ...
students in
my school.**

**I normally sit at
the [front/back
/in the middle
of] my class.**

**The best thing
about my
school is...**

**The worst
thing about my
school is...**

**One of my
favourite
groups is...**

**One of my
favourite
singers is...**

**My favourite
style of
music is...**

**I listen to songs
in [+language/s].**

**listen to music
when I'm [doing my
homework/going to
sleep/running/with
my friends in my
room/travelling].**

**I [buy my music
on CD/download
music/listen
to online
radio services].**

**I do sport at school
and outside school**

Or//

**I only do sport
at school.**

**I enjoy
[+ sport] most.**

**I [think/don't think]
sport should be
obligatory at
school because... •**

**I prefer watching
[+ sport] on TV
than doing it.**

**My favourite
sports celebrity
is...**

**I [look forward to/
don't look forward
to] PE classes at
school because... .**

**I [hardly ever/
often etc.] listen
to English outside
of class.**

**The last film or
episode I saw in
English was...**

**I find [reading/
listening/
speaking/writing]
the easiest thing
about English.**

**I find ... the
most difficult
thing about
English.**

**I would describe
my level of
English as...**

**My favourite
English speaking
celebrity is...**

**I got ... for my
last English
exam.**

**One thing that I
know about my
English teacher
is that she/he...**

**I use the
internet for...**

**The most
annoying thing
about the
internet is...**

**The background
on my computer
is a picture of...**

**I have/don't
have my
own laptop.**

**The last thing
I downloaded
was...**

I use the internet mostly for

**[shopping/downloading music
and films/watching series/
chatting online/doing school
work/searching for information/
sending messages...]**

**I'm watching...
at the moment.**

**I sometimes
watch... while
I'm eating my
lunch/dinner.**

My favourite TV programme used to be...

**For me, the
best series of all
time was...**

**I watch/don't
watch series
online.**

**My favourite
American
series is...**

**My favourite
film or series
genre is...**

**My biggest
ambition is to...**

**In the future, I
might move to...**

**In 15 years'
time, I can
see myself
living in...**

**I'd like to
study... at
University.**

**... is a priority
for me in
the future.**

**This year, my
priority is to...**

**The trips I've
been on have
been with...
[my parents/
school/friends].**

**The most
interesting place
I have been to
is... because...**

**The best thing
about staying
in hotels and
hostels is...**

**I like/don't
like staying
on campsites
because...**

**Sometimes I
speak English on
holiday when I...**

I'm really into...

**I'm also
keen on...**

**Whenever
I can I...**

**I spend a lot
of time...**

**The most
dangerous hobby
that I have is...**

**The most
expensive hobby
that I have is...**

**At the weekend,
I normally
get up at...**

**I prefer going
out on a
(Friday/Saturday)
night because...**

**If I have
homework,
I do it on a...**

Last weekend

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...

**Next weekend
I'm...**

**I've got a/
haven't got a
phone at the
moment.**

**I want to get a
...[make of phone]
because...**

**I spend... [€,\$,£,¥,₹,₽]
or [time] on the
phone each day.**

**I also use my
phone for...**

**Right now, I can
remember...
telephonenumber
without
checking them.**

**The best phone
conversation I had
last week was...**

**It usually takes
me ... to get
ready in the
morning.**

**The most
important thing
for me in the
morning is...**

**The thought
of... gets me
out of bed.**

**I am normally
woken up by...**

**On average, I
get... hours of
sleep each night.**

**I sleep on my
side/front/back.**

**I eat my
meals at...**

**The part of
the day that
I look forward
to most is...**

**It takes me ... to
get to school.**

**I come here
by...**