

Chain story telling

In this speaking activity the students tell personal stories which are prompted by pictures. The activity is performed as a mingle.

- Cut up cards of different objects, activities, animals, etc. selected randomly.
- Place the cards scattered on the floor in the middle of the classroom.
- Tell the students to pick up a card from the floor which they think makes them remember one of the following:
 - a memorable event in their lives
 - a positive or negative past or recent experience or
 - a story about a friend/family member/acquaintance/etc that they would like to share with others.
- Tell the students that they must find another in the class and tell them what the picture makes them remember and listen to the other person's story too.
- Each student must tell their story for about one to two minutes only.
- Students then must exchange pictures and find another student to talk to.
- Emphasise that they must ask the name of the person they were talking to before they move on to talk to another one.
- Students must then talk to another student and tell him/her the story of the person they last talked to.
- Students swap pictures again and move on to talk to someone reporting the story they've just listened to.
- Round the activity off by asking individual students to report to the class the interesting things they've learned about other people in class.

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