

Talking Cards

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Materials required:

One or two packs of playing cards and the questions sheet.

Objectives:

To get the student used to answering general questions at a level that resembles normal speech. To give the students conversational confidence.

How to play:

You distribute the cards among your students. If you have a large class use two packs of cards. The student answers the corresponding question to that card. The student is awarded 4 points for a complete answer, 3 points for a reasonable answer, 2 points for an incomplete answer, and 1 point for any answer at all. If your class is up to it, you can get them to award the points.

Spades (Describing things)

- Ace
Describe your face.
- King
Describe your clothes.
- Queen
Describe your mother.
- Jack
Describe your father.
- Ten
Describe an apple.
- Nine
Describe your bedroom.
- Eight
Describe your best friend.
- Seven
Describe what you had for breakfast today.
- Six
Describe your English teacher.
- Five
Describe the difference between a dog and a cat.
- Four
Describe a pencil.
- Three
Describe your favourite hobby.
- Two
Describe this game.

Hearts (what questions)

- Ace
What did you have for dinner last night?

- King
What did you have for lunch today?
- Queen
What is your favourite sport? Why?
- Jack
What did you do last night?
- Ten
What type of music do you like? Why?
- Nine
What is your favourite game? Why?
- Eight
What does your mother do?
- Seven
What does your father do?
- Six
What is your favourite lesson at school? Why?
- Five
What did you do last Sunday?
- Four
What is your favourite television programme? Why?
- Three
What would you do if you could do anything in the world?
- Two
What is the one thing you would change about yourself?

Clubs (mixed questions)

- Ace
What is your address in English?
- King
What time do you usually get up?
- Queen
Where did you go for your last holiday?
- Jack
Where were you born?
- Ten
Why are you studying English?
- Nine
Which do you prefer, summer or winter, and why?
- Eight
Which magazines do you like to read?
- Seven
How many hours do you usually sleep at night?
- Six
Do you like shopping? Why?
- Five
How often do you go to the cinema?
- Four
What was the last movie you saw?
- Three
Would you like to travel to other countries? Why?
- Two
How many friends have you got and who are they?

Diamonds (if clause)

- Ace
If you could have a pet what would it be?
- King
If you had a million dollars what would you spend it on?
- Queen
If you could meet any person in the world who would it be and why?
- Jack
If you could change something about your school what would it be?
- Ten
If you had to live in another country which one would you choose?
- Nine
If you could do anything in the world what would you do?
- Eight
If you could speak three languages well, what would they be?
- Seven
If you were rich, what would you do?
- Six
If you had to spend a day alone at home, what would you do?
- Five
If everyone in the world suddenly disappeared, what would you do?
- Four
If you could choose how old you were, how old would you be and why?
- Three
If you could choose any meal you wanted, what would it be?
- Two
If you found \$100,000 what would you do?