

Success Pre-Intermediate

Fun: Guessing game (used to)

Aim: To practice used to.

Interaction: Groups of 4

Exercise type: Guessing game

Time: 20 minutes

Language: *Did (John) use to (have a dog)? Yes, he did. No, he didn't.*

Materials: One copy for each group as it is, one set of cards per group cut up.

Instructions:

1. Each student is given a person card which they lay on the table for everyone to see. They are also given five other cards each (*one possession, one place, one likes, one food / dislikes, one activity*). These cards they DON'T show to the others.

2. Tell Ss that these cards represent things that their person used to have/do etc. The students can also see the complete set of cards on a second copy of the materials which is not cut up and which is placed on the desk in front of them. They have find out which cards the other students have by asking questions. The aim is to be the first person to find out all the information.

3. One student starts by asking any other student one question about their character, using the form:

Did (John) use to have (a dog)?

They can make any notes they like depending on other student's answers.

4. Next student continues by asking another question – again, they are free to ask whoever they like.

5. Once a student thinks they know who has which cards they shout 'stop' and make sentences about other three characters:

John used to have a dog. He used to live in France, etc.

You may want to advise Ss:

This is a game of strategy. Imagine that you are Student D and you don't have the 'dog' card. Student A asks Student B if their character used to have a dog. Student B says no. You know that A doesn't have the card (or they wouldn't have asked the question), B doesn't have the card and you don't have the card. You, therefore, know that C must have that card and can note the answer without wasting a question.

			
John	Carole	Sue	Dave

... used to have ...	dog	cat	horse	parrot
... used to live in ...	Spain	Italy	France	Poland
... used to like ...	Kylie Minogue	Robbie Williams	Michael Jackson	Madonna
... didn't use to like ...	yoghurt	cheese	eggs	melon
... used to ...	go swimming	play football	play computer games	go skiing