

Text and guess

Stepping Stones : Media
Materials : incl. materials
Type of exercise : written
Duration exercise : 45 min.

Objectives

- The learner can write a short message.
- The learner can ask and give information.

Materials

- Smartphones
- Free wifi
- Cards with the first name and the telephone number of each learner.
- Variant: Cards with an assignment, such as *'Invite someone to go to the movies. Ask for a doctor's phone number. Ask to borrow something...'*

Instructions

- Give every learner a card. Make sure no one gets his/her own card.
- Each learner sends 'Hello name' to the person whose name is on the paper, without signing the message.
- The receiver guesses who the sender is by asking closed (yes/no) questions, e.g. *Are you a man? Do you have black hair?...*

Variant

- **Beginners** Divide the learners in two groups: senders and receivers.
- **Advanced** Each learner has two conversations running, one as sender and one as receiver.
- Add a card with an assignment. Once they have guessed the sender's identity, they must complete the assignment together, e.g. *What movie, When? What time? Where? ...*

Closing up

- Review together words and questions that were not understood or known.
- Write a well formulated message on the blackboard.
- Discuss phrases relevant for the assignment.

Tip for the instructor

Join in with an odd number of students.

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Language skills / Linguistic performance

- Reading
- Writing

Linguistic competence/knowledge

- Grammar
- Vocabulary
- Spelling
- Sentence construction
- Expressions / sayings

Social-emotional skills and competences

- Communication skills
- Cultural awareness, expression and identity formation
- Digital competences
- Fun
- Intercultural understanding
- Narrative thinking