

## Internationalisms

Stepping Stones : Teambuilding & Empowerment

Materials : incl. materials

Type of exercise : oral

Duration exercise : 30 min.

### Objectives

The learner can consolidate new vocabulary.

### Materials

- Paper and pens
- Newspapers, magazines

### Instructions

- Divide the group into pairs.
- Explain the term 'internationalisms': an internationalism or international word is a loanword that occurs in several languages, with the same or at least similar meaning and etymology. The advantage of internationalisms is that they are words already known by the learners.
- Give and ask for examples: *OK, ball, coach, tennis, halal, yoga, transport, tsunami, hotel, radio, police, smartphone...*
- Ask each pair to find internationalisms, in a newspaper, magazine, on signs or posters in the room, on packages, bottles...
- Discuss the internationalisms together.

### Variant

Make the exercise competitive: the pair who comes up with the most words, wins.

### Tips for the instructor

For advanced learners: internationalisms are a good introduction to analyze affixes (prefixes and suffixes), e.g. 'tele' means 'far'; 're' indicates repetition, 'anti' means 'against'...

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