

Naming Names: A pair activity to practice yes-no questions with beginners

Directions for the teacher:

This activity is a cross between 20 Questions and the children's board game *Guess Who?* Yes-no questions will be used to guess the identity of a person.

STEP 1 – Make copies of the chart on the next page. Each student will need one. Students must use a pencil to circle the name of one person on the chart. Seated in pairs, students must keep the identity of their person a secret.

STEP 2 – With their partners, students will take turns asking yes-no questions in the simple present tense. They will ask questions to discover who their partner's mystery person is. Questions can be about looks, likes, place of residence, marital status, and hobbies. Model a few questions and short answers.

Is your person a man? - No.
Is the woman married? - Yes, she is.
Does she play tennis? - No, she doesn't
Does she like coffee? - Yes, she does.

Try the game once as a class. Students can practice by guessing whose name you circled on your copy. Do not show them this first copy. On a second copy of the chart, show the students how you cross out the names based on the information you get from each question.

Is your person Stephanie? - Yes!

STEP 3 – If students use pencil, they can erase and play this game more than once.

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 TINA →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lives in the U.K. - Is married - Has one child - Drinks coffee - Reads a lot - Plays tennis 	 DAVID →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lives in Australia - Is married - Has two children - Drinks coffee - Likes to sing - Plays the guitar
 BRIAN →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lives in the U.S. - Isn't married - Drinks coffee - Travels a lot - Plays basketball - Plays the guitar 	 ISABELLA →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lives in the U.S. - Isn't married - Drinks tea - Loves all sports - Likes to dance
 FRANCIS →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lives in the U.S. - Isn't married - Drinks coffee - Plays basketball - Plays the drums - Likes rock and jazz music 	 MARIA →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lives in the U.S. - Isn't married - Drinks tea - Likes rock and jazz music - Loves to cook
 AIDEN →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lives in the U.K. - Is married - Has one child - Drinks coffee - Likes to sing - Plays the guitar 	 RYAN →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lives in Canada - Isn't married - Has a cat - Drinks coffee - Likes to sing - Plays the guitar
 JORDAN →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lives in the U.S. - Isn't married - Drinks tea - Reads a lot - Loves all sports 	 STEPHANIE →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lives in the U.S. - Is married - Has one child - Drinks coffee - Reads a lot - Likes to dance
 MAX →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lives in the U.S. - Isn't married - Drinks tea - Likes rock and jazz music - Loves to cook 	 LEAH →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lives in Australia - Isn't married - Has a cat - Drinks tea - Reads a lot - Loves to cook
 ANNA →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lives in New Zealand - Isn't married - Has a cat - Drinks coffee - Reads a lot - Plays the guitar 	 THOMAS →	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lives in the U.S. - Is married - Has two children - Drinks coffee - Plays basketball - Likes rock and jazz music