

Activity Type

Speaking Game: asking questions and answering questions from prompts, controlled practice

Focus

Modal verbs of ability

Can you...?

Yes, I can.

No, I can't.

Aim

To play a game of bingo by finding classmates who have certain abilities.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this *Can you...?* game, students play bingo by finding classmates who have certain abilities.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the bingo card.

Tell the students to keep their bingo cards secret at all times.

Go through the language on the card and check the students understand each ability, paying attention to the difficult words: *breath* and *backwards*.

Students then go around the classroom asking *Can you...?* questions in order to find classmates who have the abilities shown on the bingo card, e.g. 'Can you name ten animals?'

When a student finds someone who answers 'Yes, I can', the student asks the person to demonstrate their ability by performing the task.

If the person can demonstrate the ability, the student writes their name in the square on the bingo card and moves on to talk to another person.

The first student to get five names in a row, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally shouts 'bingo' and everyone stops.

The answers are then checked by asking the five students to perform their abilities to the class.

If they do this successfully, the student wins.

If not, the game continues.

Afterwards, students continue the game by trying to complete the entire bingo card with names.

BINGO

can name ten colours	can hold their breath for 20 seconds	can spell the teacher's surname	can say "hello" in five languages	can draw an elephant
can say the alphabet in ten seconds	can say the months of the year backwards	can stand on one leg with their eyes closed for ten seconds	can write a word with their left hand	can name three countries in Africa
can say "red lorry yellow lorry" five times very fast	can stand on one leg for 60 seconds	can say the days of the week backwards	can name five vegetables	can draw a square and circle at the same time
can make a funny face	can name ten parts of the body	can sing a song in English	can say the alphabet backwards	can cross their eyes
can turn around ten times and walk in a straight line	can dance	can say "thank you" in four languages	can draw a straight line	can count backwards from 20