

# Let's Play



THE ULTIMATE QUESTION GUESSING GAME

Instructions. Question Sheet. PPTx example game.

Types of Questions. 20 question classmate game.

Online game links.



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Example Game

# How To Play

20

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QUESTIONS

ACTIVITY TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Speaking Yes/No Questions	20 questions is a fun, engaging game to play in class. Students practice asking yes / no and short questions to guess the identity of a person, place or thing. Watch the video to view an example of the game. 
GOAL / AIM	
Guess the person or thing	
DIFFICULTY	INSTRUCTIONS
Easy. Any level.	1. One student or the teacher thinks of a person, place or thing. They write it on a large piece of paper.
TIME TO PREPARE	2. Students ask yes/no questions to try and figure out what was chosen.
Zero Preparation	3. Students can ask only 20 questions. If they can't guess correctly in that time, they lose the game.
TIME TO PLAY	4. Only 3 guesses are allowed during the game.
5 - 25 minutes	
RATING	
	

# YES / NO Questions

## ***Person***

Are they a boy or a girl?

Is he famous?

Is he a movie star / singer / politician / painter / business man?

Is he alive / dead?

Is he old / young?

Does he have brown / black / blond hair?

Is he heavy set (fat) / thin / short / tall?

Does he live in Korea / America / China / Ghana?

Was he born in...?

Is he white / black / Asian?

Is he an athlete?

Does he play soccer?

## ***Place***

Is it a country?

Is it a city?

Is it close to here?

Is it bigger than this classroom?

Is it smaller than Korea?

Do a lot of people live there?

Can you drive there?

Is it well known (famous)?

Is it a person?

Is it a place?

Is it a thing?

## ***Thing***

Is it natural / man made?

Is it alive? Is it living?

Is it bigger than...?

Is it smaller than...?

Is it in the classroom?

Is there more than one?

Is it round?

Is it soft / hard?

Is it smooth / rough?

Is it made of wood / metal / plastic / glass / leather?

Do you use it to drive / see / walk / study?

Can you eat it? Can you ... it?

**PLAY  
20 QUESTIONS  
ONLINE**



# Question Types



English speakers have a profusion of question types available. Here are some of them.

## Questions

Question Type	Example
1. Yes/no question (sometimes called a <i>polar question</i> )	Is dinner ready yet?
2. Statement-form question (statement syntax accompanied by rising intonation)	You come from Texas?
3. Negative <i>yes/no</i> question	Shouldn't we send a card?
4. Focused question (with a stressed element)	Was it <i>Nicóle</i> who won the Oscar?
5. <i>Wh</i> -question (which typically uses a <i>wh</i> -question word—e.g., <i>who</i> , <i>what</i> , <i>where</i> —to seek specific information)	What movie is playing downtown?
6. Negative <i>wh</i> -question	Why doesn't he stop barking?
7. Question tag, negative tag	Traffic is heavy at this time of day, isn't it?
8. Question tag, affirmative tag	You didn't go, did you?
9. Alternative question (also called a <i>choice question</i> ; it has a special intonation contour)	Would you rather live in the city or the country?
10. Rhetorical "question"	Haven't we had enough conflict?
11. Exclamatory "question"	Are you kidding!
12. Indirect question	I wonder if we should start.

**Write and ask your own questions.**

Question

Question Type

1. \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_?

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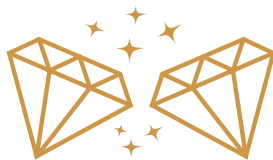
3. \_\_\_\_\_?

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# 20 QUESTIONS

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1. Favorite food
2. Favorite drink
3. Biggest fear
4. Hobbies
5. Dream Job
6. Favorite color
7. Last book you read
8. Favorite quotes
9. An embarrassing memory
10. Favorite animal
11. Favorite holiday
12. Childhood confession
13. Favorite number
14. Favorite restaurant
15. Dream vacation
16. Favorite movie
17. Favorite pair of shoes
18. What inspires you?
19. Last person you texted
20. Favorite place to shop



GUESS WHO THE CLASSMATE IS



# Twenty questions

How well do you think you know your classmates?

Choose one classmate, others will ask you questions about them and try to guess who it is. Three wrong guesses you win!

If you don't know an answer, make it up!

**WHAT'S HIS /HER FAVORITE  
MOVIE?**

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**FAVORITE SONG?**

.....

**WHERE WAS HE/SHE BORN?**

.....

**CELEBRITY CRUSH?**

.....

**WHAT IS HIS/HER FAV FOOD?**

.....

**FAVORITE TV SHOW?**

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**WHERE DID THEY GROW UP?**

.....

**HOW MANY SIBLINGS?**

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**FAVORITE DRINK?**

.....

**HOW DO YOU KNOW THEM?**

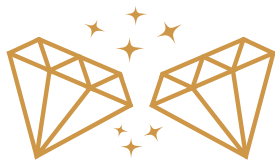
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**WHEN IS THEIR BIRTHDAY?**

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**TOTAL:**

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**FAVORITE ANIMAL?**

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**WHAT DO THEY LOVE TO DO?**

.....

**WHEREABOUTS DO THEY LIVE?**

.....

**DO THEY LIKE TO WEAR ...?**

.....

**DID THEY COME TO SCHOOL  
YESTERDAY?**

.....

**WHAT IS THEIR PERSONALITY  
LIKE?**

.....

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN  
THEM?**

.....

**HOW TALL ARE THEY?**

.....

**DO THEY SIT NEAR YOU?**

.....

**ARE THEY HERE TODAY?**

.....

**I THINK IT IS**

.....

**TOTAL:**

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