

Breaking the Ice

Getting to Know You, Getting to Know All About You

Look at the statements below and create questions. Whenever possible, ask for more information. Find someone who...

- ...was born in Galicia.
- ...enjoys sunbathing.
- ...watches Netflix.
- ...plays a musical instrument.
- ...is a pescatarian.
- ...celebrates his/her birthday in May.
- ...speaks a language that is not Spanish or Galician.
- ...rides a motorcycle.
- ...loves seafood/shellfish.
- ...has a child studying at university.
- ...knows how to build a robot.
- ...has visited Ireland.
- ...has eaten sushi.
- ...has bought something online from Alibaba.
- ...has been inside the fort of San Felipe
- ...has read at least one book by Gonzalo Torrente Ballester.
- ...has had a layover / a stopover at Heathrow Airport.
- ...is going to spend the summer in the "Rías Baixas" this year.
- ...is going to eat Galician stew this weekend.
- ...would like to travel all over the world.

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More Getting to Know You...

1. If you could have an endless supply of any food, what would you get?
2. If you were an animal, what would you be and why?
3. What is one goal you'd like to accomplish during your lifetime?
4. When you were little, who was your favorite super hero and why?
5. Who is your hero? (a parent, a celebrity, an influential person in one's life)
6. What's your favorite thing to do in the summer?
7. If they made a movie of your life, what would it be about and which actor would you want to play you?
8. If you were an ice cream flavor, which one would you be and why?
9. What's your favorite cartoon character, and why?
10. If you could visit any place in the world, where would you choose to go and why?
11. What's the ideal dream job for you?
12. Are you a morning or night person?
13. What are your favorite hobbies?
14. What are your pet peeves or interesting things about you that you dislike?
15. What's the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?
16. Name one of your favorite things about someone in your family.
17. Tell us about a unique or quirky habit of yours.
18. If you had to describe yourself using 3 words, they would be...
19. If someone made a movie of your life would it be a drama, a comedy, a romantic-comedy, action film, or science fiction?
20. If you could be anybody besides yourself, who would you be? Why?

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"Answers on the Board"

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Work in teams of two (or three). Take turns asking your teacher questions, trying to obtain the same answers below from her. You can make up the questions in any order.

1. Because I wanted to study Galician.
2. For more than 14 years.
3. I worked in the financial department of a law firm in New York City. After that, I worked briefly in a bookshop while I was starting my doctorate on translation.
4. (When I was) 12.
5. I normally attend Portuguese lessons or prepare classes and correct homework in the morning and I teach in the evening.
6. Oh, the typical stuff. Hanging out with friends, barhopping, eating out, reading, doing sport, having a nap (if I have time), and relaxing.
7. One day, I would like to write a book my experiences abroad and the challenges in teaching. I would also love to see more of the world.
8. Doing lots of grammar exercises.
9. A pen, a notebook, and my electronic Spanish-English dictionary.
10. Because I love being in the classroom and I enjoy working with students and colleagues. Basically, I love doing what I do.
11. A smile and lots of patience.

Now ask and answer similar questions in pairs. Be prepared to give a mini-presentation about your classmate(s).

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STUDENT A

- If you could be someone else for a day, who would you like to be?
- Have you ever wished you were the opposite sex?
- If you had to live on a desert island, what three objects would you take with you?
- When was the last time a film/book made you cry and what was it?
- Who would you most like to go on a date with?
- Are you worried about the future of the planet?
- Do you give money to beggars or homeless people?
- What was the last book you read?
- Who is the funniest person in the world?
- Who has had the biggest influence on your life?

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STUDENT B

- Have you ever been in love and how would you describe it?
- What do you think is the perfect age to get married?
- When was the last time you danced?
- What objects do you always carry with you?
- Who is the most boring person in the universe?
- What would I find if I looked under your bed?
- What ability that you don't have would you like to have?
- What's the first thing you would say to the U.S. president if you met them?
- What would you change about yourself if you could?
- What is the most expensive thing you own?

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