



Local area questions

CONVERSATION TASK

Topic: Local area Home

Grammar: Formation of simple questions and question words

Present simple tense

Lexis: Locations Places in local area Rooms in the home

Objects in household

Aims: To practise asking and answering simple questions about your local area and home.

Objectives: To use the present simple to give information about your local area and home.

Language functions: Stating simple facts; giving personal information; understanding directions and indicating locations (not giving directions); asking questions.

Materials needed: None.

In the speaking exam, the examiner may ask the candidate simple questions on the area in which they live. This activity gives students the opportunity to practice asking and answering those questions.

Procedure

In class

1. Tell the class that they are going to make some questions about their local area and home.
2. As an introduction, brainstorm some useful vocabulary on the board. On one side write home and the other write town. Ask the class to name some rooms and objects in the home, and places in the local area.
3. In the centre of the board, write the bold question stems from the example questions below. Ask the class to complete the questions. Accept any correct questions that are suitable. Ask if they can add any other questions.
4. Students write down the questions from the board.
5. Ask students to stand and to move around the class. They should ask two different people the questions.
6. For smaller groups, ask the students to report back to the class on another student's local area and home. For larger groups, ask them to report back to a partner.

Example activities

- ▶ Where do you live?
- ▶ Do you live in a house or a flat?
- ▶ What is near your home?
- ▶ What is your favourite place in (name of town)?
- ▶ Do you live near a park?
- ▶ How many bedrooms are in your house?

Writing extension

Students write five sentences about their local area and home.