



Changing places

INDEPENDENT LISTENING TASK 1

Topic: Clothes Descriptions of people

Grammar: Present simple Simple adjectives Nouns

Lexis: Clothes Colours

Aims: To listen to short descriptions for detail.

Objectives: To identify key words in descriptions of people.

Language functions: Understanding instructions; describing familiar things, eg people, objects including colours and position.

Materials needed: None.

In Listening task 1, candidates will hear short dialogues which may include a description of a person's clothes or appearance. They will have to choose a picture based on the description. This short activity is a fun way to practise listening to short descriptions.

Procedure

In class

1. Tell the class that you are going to play a game called 'Change places if...'
2. Arrange the class so the students are sat on chairs in a circle.
3. Choose one person to stand in the centre of the circle and remove their chair.
4. Tell the class that you will give a short description and if you describe them, they stand up and sit in another chair. The person in the centre of the circle must try and sit in an empty chair. The last person standing is out of the game.
5. Give an example so that everybody understands the game.
6. After the example round, start the game again. The last person standing leaves the circle. Choose another student to stand in the centre and remove their chair.
7. Continue until there are only three people remaining. These are the winners of the game.

Variation

This is a loud and noisy game! For a quieter version, or if you do not have space to arrange the students in a circle, you can play in class with everyone sat down. Say 'Stand up if...' If someone does not stand or is the last person to stand then they are out of the game and should move to the side of the class.

Writing extension

Students write down six sentences to describe someone in the class.

Example prompts

- ▶ Change places if you are wearing (**black**) trousers.
- ▶ Change places if you are wearing (**white**) shoes.
- ▶ Change places if you have (**brown**) hair.
- ▶ Change places if you have (**long**) hair.
- ▶ Change places if you have black shoes and a white shirt.
- ▶ Change places if you have a sister.
- ▶ Change place if you have a pet.
- ▶ Change places if you have (**blue**) eyes.
- ▶ Change places if you have (**white**) socks.
- ▶ Change places if you live in (**Italy**).