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Mixing-n-Mingling

Big Idea: Adding movement and interaction to an activity, increases student engagement and opportunities to practice the language and content of the class.

Overview: In this activity, our students mingle around the room asking and answering 'silly questions'.

Benefits: There are a host of benefits to using this technique:

- It helps physicalize learning.
- It reaches those learners who may know but do not respond well in a whole class and/or group environment.
- It encourages students to use the language.
- It allows multi-level interaction.
- It creates community

Time: 5-10 minutes

Preparation: 0-10 minutes

Procedure:

1. Bring students' attention to the activity's objective.
2. Review some questions and possible answers.
3. Be transparent about the length of the activity (e.g. speak with three people).
4. Model the interaction
5. Pass out the questions.
6. Students stand and mingle.
7. Students find a partner; they ask and answer the questions; then, they trade questions.
8. Finally, students begin to mingle once again, as they search for a new partner.
9. When done, elicit responses from students.

Variations:

- Have students use visuals, manipulatives, etc.
- Give students a specific number of tasks. e.g. *'ask the question to five people'*



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⌘ Silly Question Swap ⌘

1. If you could go anywhere in the world for dinner tonight, where would you go?
2. What is something that you like and about this season?
3. If you could take a pill to learn any language, what language would you learn?
4. If you could pick a time period in which to travel, what period would you visit?
5. If you had to choose only 1 meal that you would have to eat for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?
6. What is a television program that you can't live without?
7. What's something that you are hoping 2018 will bring you and why?
8. What are your top 2-3 favorite places to relax online?
9. What's a house chore that you absolutely abhor doing?
10. What is your favorite book of all time that you would recommend to anyone?
11. If you could transform into any superhero, who would you become?
12. What's your idea of the most relaxing weekend ever?