

16 Question Strips

ANIMALS and BIRDS



- Do you have any pets? Why? / Why not?
- Do you like TV shows about animals? Why? / Why not?
- What kinds of dangerous animals are there in your country?
- When was the last time you saw an animal?
- Is it okay to put wild animals in zoos? Why? / Why not?
- Are you afraid of any animals? Why? / Why not?
- What is the largest animal in the world?
- What is the smallest animal in the world?
- Are dogs better than cats? Why? / Why not?
- What strange animals do you know about?
- Do you think there might be dinosaurs still alive nowadays?
- Do you like animals? Why? / Why not?
- Are birds smarter than animals? Why? / Why not?
- Can you make any sounds like animals or birds? Show me.
- What is the smartest animal in the world?
- What animal would you like to be? Why?

Aim Speaking Practice

Level Intermediate to Advanced

- **As a Seated Activity**

Have your students seated in pairs or in groups of three.

Lay the sixteen cut-up questions – face-down – between the students.

Students take turns randomly selecting questions to ask their partner(s). Encourage follow-up questions.

Be sure to set a time frame for your students (try starting with 10 – 15 minutes for 16 questions; you may want to adjust this in later classes). Monitor and assist.

- **As a Standing Activity 1**

Have all your students stand up.

Give one question strip to each student.

Students find a partner and ask their question. Encourage follow-up questions.

After the students have asked each other their questions, have them exchange question strips and find new partners and continue.

Set a time frame as above. Monitor and assist.

- **As a Standing Activity 2**

This activity runs exactly the same as in ‘Standing Activity 1’ except that students first have about a minute to memorize their question (before placing it in their pocket – it can be used as a prompt if needed).

After each short conversation, students ‘mentally exchange’ their questions – they must help each other memorize their new questions before setting off to find a new partner.

This activity version is a little challenging, but also lots of fun – and it’s great to see all the learning that takes place!

Set a time frame as above. Monitor and assist.