

THE TOP 10 ESL Icebreakers & Warm-ups

10 low-prep activities to break the ice simply

1 **Speak the Alphabet**

Say the English alphabet as a class. Only one person can speak at one time. If more than one person says the same letter at the same time, the game restarts.

2 *Find Someone who...*

Get your students moving around the classroom and finding similarities between them.

4 **Interview your Partner**

Get your class to learn about each other by interviewing each other and then presenting to the class.

3 **Guess Backwards**

Introduce yourself backwards to your class and get them thinking about you. Show answers to your students and get them to guess the questions.

5 **TONGUE TWISTERS**

Get your students to warm-up their voices for pronunciation by practicing tongue twisters.

6 *Pass the Sound & Motion*

Get them moving to warm up physically with passing a sound with a movement around your class.

9 **Free Time for Sale**

Review previously-taught material in a fun, competitive way. Get your class to review by presenting as an auctioneer.

7 **2 Truths & a Lie**

Get students to learn about you by giving them 3 pieces of information about you, only 2 of which are true.

8 **IMPRESS THE CELEBRITY**

Get your students laughing by having them do impressions of famous celebrities.

10 **Talk to Me**

Simple speaking practice for fine-tuning conversation. Get your students to talk about random topics as a class or in small groups.