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True or False Sentences

People Cards

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| My father | My mother | My brother | My sister |
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| I | you | My uncle | My aunt |
| My cousins | My classmates | My best friend | My girlfriend/boyfriend |
| My teacher | My neighbours | My boss | My dog |
| My cat | My goldfish | A lot of my friends | People in my country |
| Students | Babies | Teenagers | Pop stars |
| Film stars | Politicians | The police | Nurses |
| The public | Bus drivers | Tigers | Elephants |

Frequency Cards

| always | almost always | frequently | often |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| usually | normally | generally | regularly |
| sometimes | occasionally | rarely | infrequently |
| seldom | hardly ever | never | every day |
| twice a day | once a week | twice a week | once a month |
| twice a month | once a year | twice a year | once in a while |
| every now and again | from time to time | several times a year | every week |
| every month | every year | every morning | every Saturday |

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This teaching activity makes an excellent review of frequency adverbs and adverbial phrases for pre-intermediate students. The students get to practice all the frequency adverbs as well as other less common adverbial phrases, such as 'once in a while' and 'every now and again'.

Before class, make one copy of the worksheet for each pair of students and cut into two sets of cards as indicated, keeping the two sets separate.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs.

Give each pair a set of frequency cards and a set of people cards. Students will also need a pen and paper for writing.

Tell the students to shuffle the two sets of cards and place them in separate piles face down on the desk.

The first student takes the top card from each pile and places them face up on the desk.

The student's task is to make a true or false sentence by combining the two phrases on the cards.

The student then says the sentence and writes it down, e.g. if the student turns over 'My father' and 'always', he/she might say, "My father is always telling me what to do."

After the student has written down the sentence, it's the other student's turn to pick up two cards and repeat the process and so on.

When all the cards have been used up, each student should have a list of true and false sentences.

Next, get each pair to work with another pair.

The pairs take it in turns to read out their sentences.

After each sentence has been read out, the opposing pair guesses whether the sentence is true or false.

If they guess correctly, they win a point. If they are wrong, the other pair gets a point.

The pair with the most points at the end of the game wins.