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## Delay

You can use this fun speaking activity when you are teaching question and answer forms.

Before class, make one copy of the cards below for each pair of students.

### Procedure

Demonstrate the activity at the front of the class with a student.

The student reads out the list of example questions below.

The aim is to delay your answer to each question until the next question is asked.

For example, the student asks you the first question, but you don't reply. The student asks you the second question and you give the answer to the first question. The student asks the third question and you reply with the answer to the second question, and so on.

The wrong combination of questions and answers can be highly amusing.

Put the students into pairs and give each student a different set of questions.

Student A asks their questions to Student B. Student B gives delayed-by-one replies. When Student B has answered all the questions, Student B then asks their set of questions to Student A. The first pair to finish both sets of questions is the winner.

The questions you use for this activity will depend on what question words or structures you are teaching.

### Example Questions:

1. Where do you go swimming? (No answer)
2. Where do you cook? (Answer the first question)
3. Where do you do your homework? (Answer the second question)
4. Where do you wash your clothes?
5. Where do you sleep?
6. Where do you use the Internet?
7. Where do you listen to music?
8. Where do you read?
9. Where do you go shopping?
10. Where do you eat?



#### Student A – Present Simple Wh- Questions

What do you write on?  
What do you wipe your mouth with?  
What do you blow your nose with?  
What do you brush your hair with?  
What do you write with?  
What do you sleep on?  
What do you wear in bed?  
What do you wear to a party?  
What do you eat soup with?  
What do you cut meat with?

#### Student B – Past Simple Questions

What did you do yesterday?  
What did you do when you woke up today?  
What did you do before class?  
What did you do last week?  
Tell me something you ate last week.  
Tell me something you saw last week.  
Where did you grow up?  
Where did you go on your last holiday?  
What did you eat for breakfast?  
Where did you eat lunch yesterday?