

16 Question Strips

ALIENS



- What is your favorite movie about aliens?
- What do you think aliens look like?
- Would you like to meet an alien? Why? / Why not?
- What do you think aliens enjoy doing in their free time?
- Do you think aliens live on the moon? Why? / Why not?
- What would you do if you saw an alien? Why?
- Do you know anyone who has seen an alien? If 'yes', who?
- Do you know anyone who might be an alien? Who?
- What do you think aliens eat for breakfast?
- Do you think there might be life on other planets?
- Do you think UFOs sometimes visit Earth? Why? / Why not?
- What language should we use to speak with aliens? Why?
- Are aliens are smarter than humans? Why? / Why not?
- Should governments spend more money to find aliens?
- What do you think aliens like to do in their free time?
- Do you think we will discover aliens in your lifetime?

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.