

Ask “Me” a Question



Level:

Beginner—Intermediate, can be adapted for higher levels



Objectives:

The student will be able to ask specific questions to gather enough information to guess your “secret identity”



Timing

15-20 minutes, can be expanded further into a various levels of difficulty



Prep/

Materials:

- Select a few different celebrities, historical or cultural figures, as the subject of the activity; write up a short profile of each person with a few facts
- Note, celebrities do not have to be current pop culture figures, you may consider selecting historical or cultural figures that are prominent in the student’s host country.
- Prepare pre-teaching material to introduce any relevant vocabulary or grammar needed to discuss the celebrity & their area of interest.
- Create 10-15 questions associated with the celebrity profile



Breakdown:

1. Pre-teach new vocabulary or specific grammatical targets—review the prepared questions as examples that your student can use
2. Introduce each of the celebrities and historical or cultural icons; discuss the significance of their contributions to the world
3. The teacher then selects a celebrity profile (but does not share the profile with the student) and “acts” as that person for the rest of the activity
4. The student role is to ask specific questions in order to gather enough information to guess which celebrity the teacher is portraying
5. Depending upon the role the teacher is portraying, you may answer questions in a formal or informal manner, ask follow-up questions, etc.
6. Repeat for each celebrity/cultural icon, you can even switch roles!