

The Rizla game

Level: Pre-intermediate +

Ages: all ages

Time 5 – 10 minutes

Materials: some post-it notes

Purpose: practice in question forms and general revision

Method:

Step one – The teacher prepares a series of labels on post-it notes, as many labels as there are people in the class. Each label has the name of a well-known person. The labels are stuck onto the students where they can't read them – e.g., on their foreheads or backs.

Step two – The teacher drills and rehearses with the class the kind of questions they will need.

Step three – The class then mingles and each person tries to find out “who they are” by asking questions.

Anticipated problems: gaps in general knowledge.

Note:

“Rizla” is the name of a company that manufactures cigarette papers for people who like to roll their own cigarettes. Some resourceful teacher realized that these could be used for this activity long before post-it note pads were invented. The name, like the object, has stuck!

Some well-known people

George W. Bush
Queen Elizabeth II
Beethoven
Maradona
Madonna
Michael Jackson
You
Marylin Monroe
Albert Einstein
Sylvester Stallone
Sir Paul McCartney
Pele
Lady Diana
Yasser Arafat
Julius Caesar

Dante
Silvio Berlusconi
Pablo Picasso
Mother Teresa
Christopher Columbus
John Lennon
Nelson Mandela
Winston Churchill
William Shakespeare
David Beckham
Leonardo da Vinci
Mozart
Karl Marx
Sigmund Freud
Gandhi