

10. I Like People

Adults do like to have fun, as long as they aren't made to feel or look stupid. This is a brilliant game for helping them think quickly and speak more fluent English (rather than trying to translate from their native tongue).

1. Students sit on chairs in a circle, leaving a space in the circle for the teacher to stand.
2. First, they're asked to listen to statements that the teacher makes and stand if it applies to them, such as: "I like people who are wearing black shoes," "I like people who have long hair," etc.
3. Next, the teacher asks standing students to change places with someone else who's standing.
4. Now it becomes a game. The teacher makes a statement, students referred to must stand and quickly swap places. When the students move around, the teacher quickly sits in someone's spot, forcing them to become the teacher.
5. The students quickly get into the swing of this game. Generally they'll quickly notice a "cheating" classmate who hasn't stood up when they should have, and they'll also eagerly encourage a shy student who finds himself standing in the gap with no ideas.

This game has no natural ending, so keep an eye on the mood of the students as they play. They may start to run out of ideas, making the game lag. Quickly stand and place yourself back into the teacher position and debrief (talk with them about how they felt about the game).

