



20. TELEPHONE PALS (INTERMEDIATE)

TYPE OF ACTIVITY: Random Pairing

OBJECTIVES:

- To practice everyday vocabulary in a role play environment
- To practice telephone etiquette
- To review past chapters

TEACHER PREPARATION

Teachers prepare students by making a list of the topics about which the students can communicate. As a class, everyone brainstorms about vocabulary and expressions remembered from each unit.

VARIATION

Students write an overview of chapter topics and key phrases or vocabulary for homework.

STUDENT PREPARATION

Students choose a unit topic and prepare ideas for a phone call they need to make on that topic.

Ex: a student must call another friend to make arrangements for another friend's surprise birthday party. The two must decide where to have it, when, whom to invite, etc.

IN THE LAB

SET PAIR

Teachers place students in **RANDOM PAIRS**. Students responding to the "call" must improvise responses to their partners prepared questions or objectives. The pairs reverse roles and complete the activity.

If time permits the teachers changes pairs every few minutes.



FOLLOW-UP

Teachers ask for pairs to volunteer to **MODEL** their “phone calls”. The teacher enables the conference model by using the **CONFERENCE** feature and choosing the option where “all can speak.”