

Six Degrees of Separation

Six Degrees of Separation is a fun way to start with a first class. It's very typical that we meet someone who knows someone we know. The object of this game is to see how small the world really is. In this activity, students work in pairs, first they introduce themselves to each other. Then they make a list of things that they have in common with each other.

Activity time: 15 - 20 minutes (approx)

Skills Practiced: Speaking

Level: Teens and Adults. Lower Intermediate +

Method

1. First, each student should find a partner and introduce themselves to each other.
2. Next, each pair should make a list of 5 - 10 things that they have in common with each other. Give students some examples of things they could check. For example:
 - Where they went to school
 - What year they were born
 - What food they like
 - What sports they like
 - What countries they have visited
 - How many brothers and sisters they have
 - Where did they grow up (Students should be encouraged to add their own ideas to the list)



3. Once they have completed their first list, they must find someone else in the room and create another list.
4. Students continue to create new lists until the time is up or they have spoken to all the students in the class.
5. The winner can be the first person to complete the task or the students with the most connections.
6. Enjoy and have fun!