

Is a cockroach pretty? – Adjectives and animals mix and match

Instructions for teachers

There are three versions of this activity. For most classes I recommend making the book (by stapling the pages together and then cutting through all the dotted lines), then taking turns turning the separate flaps to make silly questions with “No” answers and then sensible questions with “Yes” answers. However, the same thing can also be done with cut up cards, or just with a table to save paper and perhaps make it appear less babyish with older classes. In all cases, there is at least one silly match and at least one sensible match for each option. It can help to make the meanings clear and add amusement by drawing the silly options as the questions are made. Other drawing activities include students drawing their favourite silly combination from the whole book.

Single page version

Make a question that your partner will definitely say “No” to like “Is a hippo thin?” and see if your partner can change it to a question that you say “Yes” to like “Is a snake thin?” or “Is a hippo fat?” Then do the same with your partner’s crazy question. Take turns changing the other person’s question and then making your own strange question until the teacher stops you.

Is a baby	beautiful/ pretty/ cute?
Is a butterfly	big?
Is a cockroach	fat?
Is a crocodile	handsome?
Is a giraffe	large?
Is a hippo	little?
Is a monster	long?
Is a mouse	scary?
Is a pig	short?
Is a snake	small?
Is an elephant	tall?
Is your sister	thin?
Is your teacher	ugly?

Cards version

Make a question that your partner will say "No" to like "Is your teacher little?" and see if your partner can change it to a question you say "Yes" to like "Is a cockroach little?" You can write on the blank cards to make extra topics and descriptions if you like.

Is

a butterfly

a baby

a cockroach

a crocodile

a giraffe

a hippo



a monster

a mouse

a pig

a snake

an elephant

your sister

your teacher

big?

fat?

handsome?

little?

long?

pretty/ cute?

<i>scary?</i>	<i>short?</i>
<i>small?</i>	<i>tall?</i>
<i>thin?</i>	<i>ugly?</i>
?	?
?	?

Book version

Make a question that your partner will definitely say “No” to like “Is your baby brother scary?” and see if your partner can change it to a question that you say “Yes” to like “Is a monster scary?” Then do the same with your partner’s crazy question. Take turns changing the other person’s question and then making your own strange question until the teacher stops you.

Is a butterfly



big?

Is a cockroach



cute/ pretty?

Is a crocodile



fat?

Is a giraffe



handsome?

Is a hippo



large?

Is a monster



little?

Is a mouse



long?

Is a pig



scary?

Is a snake



short?

Is an elephant



small?

Is a baby



tall?

Is your sister



thin?

Is your teacher

ugly?