



Present Simple and Continuous Taboo topics game

Worksheet 1- Taboo questions challenge

Ask your partner some Present Simple questions, e.g. "What do you...?", then ask your partner some Present Continuous questions, e.g. "Are you feeling...?"

Were any of the questions you asked too personal or difficult to answer?

Below are some more Present Simple and Present Continuous questions, some of which are too personal or difficult to answer. Give each question below a number of points based on how difficult it is to answer:

5 points = Extremely difficult/ a taboo question

4 points = Very difficult

3 points = Quite or a little bit difficult

2 points = Quite easy

1 points = Very easy/ an ordinary question

"How often do you take a bath or shower?"

"What colour underwear are you wearing today?"

"Do you prefer a bath or a shower?"

"What are you carrying in your pockets now?"

"How do you feel about capital punishment?"

"How much money are you carrying with you now?"

"How much money do you have (in the bank)?"

"Where did you buy the shoes that you are wearing now?"

"How many pairs of shoes do you have?"

"What do you think about when you get bored at work?"

"Which perfume/ aftershave are you wearing today?"

"Do you wear glasses to watch the TV/ drive/ read?"

"Do you feel nervous when you have exams?"

"Are you feeling nervous about the next English test?"

"Are you thinking of finding a new boyfriend/ girlfriend?"

"How much alcohol do you drink every week?"

"Are you carrying cigarettes with you?"

"How often do you clean your room?"

"What do you usually do when you are on holiday?"

"What do you usually do on your days off?"

"What is your home computer doing right now?"

"What do you think about the President or Prime Minister of your country?"

"Is your stomach making that noise?"

"Where do you buy underwear?"

"How much do you weigh?"

"What are you thinking about?"

"How are you feeling?"

"Are you wearing make up?"

"Are you feeling itchy?"

"How are you feeling?"

"Do you snore?"

"Are you feeling hot?"

"Do you buy lottery tickets?"

"Are you sweating?"

"How many hours do you sleep a night?"

"What do you wear in bed?"

"Are you feeling nervous?"

"Do you smoke?"

"How much do you spend on clothes?"

"How often do you tidy your room?"

Change groups. Your new partner will ask you a question from their list. Choose how many points you want the question to be. If you can answer the question, you will get that many points. If you don't want to answer the question or can't think of an answer, you can use the phrases in the Useful Language box below:

Useful language

Politely refusing to answer a question

"I'd rather not answer that (if you don't mind)?"

"I'd rather not say"

"I'm afraid that's a bit personal"

Impolitely refusing to answer a question

"(That's) none of your business!"

"Keep your nose out (of other people's business)!"

"I could tell you, but then I'd have to kill you"



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Worksheet 2- Grammar practice

Without looking at the other worksheet, fill in the gaps below with the correct tenses:

“How often _____ (take a bath or shower)?”

“_____ (your stomach make) that noise?”

“What colour underwear _____ (wear)?”

“Where _____ (buy underwear)?”

“_____ (prefer) a bath or a shower?”

“What _____ (carry) in your pockets now?”

“How _____ (feel) about capital punishment?”

“How much money _____ (have) (in the bank)?”

“Where did you buy the shoes that you _____ (wear)?”

“_____ (snore)?”

“What _____ (think) about when you get bored at work?”

“Which perfume/ aftershave _____ (wear) today?”

“_____ (buy) lottery tickets?”

“_____ (wear) glasses to watch the TV/ drive/ read?”

“_____ (feel) nervous when you have exams?”

“What _____ (wear) in bed?”

“_____ (think of) finding a new boyfriend/ girlfriend?”

“How much alcohol _____ (drink) every week?”

“_____ (smoke)?”

“How much _____ (spend) on clothes?”

“How often _____ (tidy) your room?”

“What _____ (usually do) when you are on holiday?”

“What _____ (usually do) on your days off?”

“What _____ (your home computer do) right now?”



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Worksheet 3- Questions writing and speaking practice

Make some more Present Simple and Present Continuous tense questions for each of the five categories:

5 points = Extremely difficult/ taboo questions

4 points = Very difficult

3 points = Quite or a little bit difficult

2 points = Quite easy

1 points = Very easy/ an ordinary question

Play the same game as above, but this time with your own questions



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Worksheet 4- Suggestions for topics and question types for Worksheet 3

Topics

bad habits- belching (= burping), picking your nose, spitting, chew your fingernails, speak with your mouth full, eat with your mouth open, put your elbows on the table etc.

gambling

clothes

housework

tidiness

lateness

diet

hangover

sleep in

get angry

feel sad/ depressed

lie

cheat

remember

rubbish (= trash)

speeding

internet

armpits

floss

rude gesture

lose

dream/ remember your dreams

shopping

hair care

cleanliness

homework

laziness

exercise

oversleep

get drunk

cry/ get upset

smell

kiss

forget

junk food

break the law

parking

shave

jealous

swear

get lost

nightmare

Questions

How often do you.....?

How many times a

day

week

year

do you.....?

How long does it take you to.....?

What

How

When

do you usually.....?

How much

do you like to.....?

Where

How long

Which

What sort of/ kind of

How much do you spend on.....?

How long do you spend

How far do you.....?