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?” “Is your stomach making that noise?”
“What colour underwear are you wearing today?” “Where do you buy underwear?”
“Do you prefer a bath or a shower?” “How much do you weigh?”
“What are you carrying in your pockets now?” “What are you thinking about?”
“How do you feel about capital punishment?” “How are you feeling?”
“How much money are you carrying with you now?” “Are you wearing make up?”
“How much money do you have (in the bank)?” “Are you feeling itchy?”
“Where did you buy the shoes that you are wearing now?” “How are you feeling?”
“How many pairs of shoes do you have?” “Do you snore?”
“What do you think about when you get bored at work?” “Are you feeling hot?”
“Which perfume/aftershave are you wearing today?” “Do you buy lottery tickets?”
“Do you wear glasses to watch the TV/drive/read?” “Are you sweating?”
“Do you feel nervous when you have exams?” “How many hours do you sleep a night?”
“Are you feeling nervous about the next English test?” “What do you wear in bed?”
“Are you thinking of finding a new boyfriend/girlfriend?” “Do you smoke?”
“How much alcohol do you drink every week?” “How much do you spend on clothes?”
“Are you carrying cigarettes with you?” “How often do you tidy your room?”
“How often do you clean your room?” “What do you think about the President or Prime Minister of your country?”

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

**Questions**

How often do you………..?

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<th>do you………..?</th>
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<td>How often a week</td>
<td>do you………..?</td>
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<tr>
<td>How often a year</td>
<td>do you………..?</td>
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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…………………..?

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