



The Two-Minute Interview

Students pair up, ask each other one question from a card, and listen properly for a full minute before swapping. Five minutes. It gets them curious about the people they sit next to every day, and better at listening rather than waiting for their turn to talk.

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Page	What it is	How many
Page 2	The twelve interview cards	One sheet, cut out once and kept
Slides	One slide explaining how it works, with a sample question (a separate download)	Nothing to print

How it works

Step	What happens
1	Students pick a partner. Anyone nearby; there is no need to plan pairs.
2	One student draws a card and asks their partner the question on it. A full minute of listening, with no interrupting.
3	They swap. The other partner asks the same question back, or draws a new card.

Worth knowing

- Cut the twelve cards out once and keep them in a drawer or an envelope. After that there is nothing to prepare, and the same set lasts all year.
- Nothing is written down, so there is nothing to collect or replace.

A minute of proper listening is rarer than it sounds.



Interview Questions, cut along the lines

01

What's something you've got better at this year?

02

What's a small thing that always makes your day better?

03

If you could learn any skill instantly, what would you pick?

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Who's someone you look up to, and why?

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What's a rule you think should exist but doesn't?

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What's the best piece of advice anyone's given you?

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What's something you used to find hard that's easy now?

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If you had an extra hour every day, what would you do with it?

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What's a place you'd love to visit, and why?

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What's something you're curious about but haven't looked into yet?

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What's a small act of kindness you've noticed recently?

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What's something about you that might surprise people?

