

Creative Conversations in German

Junior Cycle Modern Foreign Language

Target Language - German

Strand 1 - Communicative Competence

Elements - Spoken Interaction

Learning Outcomes - 1.13



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Creative conversations in German is a series of three Powerpoint slides (plus teacher's notes) to encourage speaking in German. It can be used at any level and adapted to current topics and role plays.

How it maps to the curriculum

▼  German

STRAND: 1. Communicative Competence

STRAND UNIT: Spoken Interaction/ Sprechen



SUGGESTIONS FOR USE: Slide 1: Invite the pupils to talk in pairs for a couple of minutes on any topic / role play – eg. one plays the role of a penfriend in Germany asking about the other's school & family. They should practise questions and answers about themselves. Slide 2: Now repeat the exercise, but this time with one major constraint: the pupils may use only eight words of German per sentence – no more, no fewer. Observe any learning strategies they employ (eg. counting on their fingers, using a dictionary). Slide 3: Repeat the exercise once more with an extra constraint – five of the words must have only four letters – no more, no fewer. Once again observe any learning strategies (eg. writing words down, checking spelling, looking in text book). Invite any pair who have completed the exercise to share their responses. In a plenary ask: how did you find that? What was easy? What was difficult? How did you cope? What strategies did you employ? What did you learn whilst doing this task? Focus on and share the learning strategies.

KEY SKILLS: Being Creative | Communicating

Teacher's notes: "All creativity is born of constraint"

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