

## Hello. May I ask you something?

Stepping Stones : Teambuilding & Empowerment; Art & Culture; Expert & On The Go; Storytelling

Materials : incl. materials

Type of exercise : oral

Duration exercise : 45 min.

### Objectives

The learner can ask for information.

### Materials

Cards with sample questions, such as the opening line: *Hello. May I ask you something?*

### Preparation

Think about a subject for the interview, preferably related to a treated topic. Choose a neutral subject; politics and religion are to be avoided.

### Instructions

- Explain that the learners are about to interview a stranger.
- Make relevant questions, classically or in groups.
- Lower the threshold by asking what the learners need to do this exercise, e.g.
  - *Do you prefer to work alone or with in pairs, in trios?*
  - *What to do if you did not understand the answer?*
  - *What if the interviewee speaks too fast?*
- Send the learners on their mission and tell them when to be back.
- Discuss the interviews together afterwards.
- Let them comment on the answers they got and on how it felt to interview an stranger.

### Variant

- Filming the exercise makes it more exciting and difficult. Attention: Ask both parties for permission.

## **Tips for the instructor**

Addressing strangers on the street is difficult. Look for a safe environment, e.g. a community centre, language school...

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### *Language skills / Linguistic performance*

- Listening
- Speaking
- Writing

### *Linguistic competence/knowledge*

- Vocabulary
- Sentence construction
- Oral language skills

### *Social-emotional skills and competences*

- Communication skills
- Cultural awareness, expression and identity formation
- Empowerment
- Fun
- Imagination, creativity and learning to learn
- Narrative thinking