

ESL Warmer: Finish the Quote

In this activity you give students half of a quote about the topic they are going to study. In pairs or individually, students complete the quote and later discuss their quote with the class. After, show the students the original quote and discuss its meaning and the students' opinion.

For example, if you were going to talk about 'travel' with students, you could start class by giving students half a quote on travel such as 'Life is either daring adventure...' and students need to finish the quote. After, ask students to share their ideas and discuss them. Lastly, show them the original quote and ask them to discuss what they think it means.

Some quotes you could use include:

Travel

Life is either daring adventure or nothing **Helen Keller**

Buy the ticket take the ride **Hunter S. Thompson**

You only live once, but if you do it right once is enough **Mae West**

Above all, try something **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

I never worry about the future, it comes soon enough **Albert Einstein**

One who makes no mistakes, makes nothing at all **Giacomo Casanova**

Do one thing every day that scares you **Eleanor Roosevelt**

In the end it's not the years in your life that counts, it's the life in your years **Abraham Lincoln**

If I'd followed all the rules, I'd never have gotten anywhere **Marilyn Monroe**

Action expresses priorities **Gandhi**

Food

If you're afraid of butter, use cream. -**Julia Child**

First we eat, then we do everything else. -**M.F.K. Fisher**

Life is uncertain. Eat dessert first. -**Ernestine Ulmer**

In wine there is wisdom, in beer there is strength, in water there is bacteria. -**David**

Auerbach

You don't need a silver fork to eat good food. -**Paul Prudhomme**

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The limits of my language are the limits of my world. -Ludwig Wittgenstein

To have another language is to possess a second soul. -Charlemagne

Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going. -Rita Mae Brown

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere. -Chinese Proverb