

ESL Game: What are they thinking?

What are they thinking? is a speaking activity that is great for teens or adults. In this game, students look at an image with a number of people. Each student picks one person from the picture and writes what they think the person is thinking. Later, students each swap their written thoughts and they try and match it to the person in the picture.

Aim: To practice writing and speaking.

Level: Intermediate +

Learning Objectives: Writing, speculating and reasoning.

Materials Needed: Photos with a group of people. See the download below for some prepared examples.

Method

1. Show students a picture (see download below) with a number of people in the image.
2. Each student is given a thought bubble (also see download). The students then choose one person from the picture and write on the speech bubble what the person is saying or thinking.
3. Next, get students to exchange their speech bubbles with other students. Then the other students have to guess who is thinking the thought.

Example Pictures



Speech Bubbles

Print as many speech bubbles as you have students.

