**Killer ice-breakers: The super-quick speed dating mixer…**

You probably know the idea of speed dating... A person talks to another person for 5 minutes and then moves on to the next person. Why not use this in class to share ideas?

**What you need…**

* A clock/watch and something to make noise with
* You can provide questions if you want, but it’s not necessary (adults don’t have any trouble making conversation on their own)
* Enough people so they can mingle (good for large classes)

**How to…**

1. Ask learners to stand up, find partners and chat for 30 seconds with each other about anything interesting.
2. When 30 seconds are up, give your sound signal, loud enough for everyone to hear.
3. When they hear your signal, everyone finds a new partner and chat for the next 30 seconds.

**Tips…**

* If your class isn’t huge, allow everyone to have 30 seconds with every other person.
* If you use this at the start of a course, combine it with introductions. After finishing, ask each person to give their name and share something they learned from someone else.
* You can use this for test preparation. Prepare cards with a test question written on each. Distribute to students. While mixing, students quiz each other with their questions, and then move on when time’s up.