

Speed Dating

An alternative to powerpoint presentations! Students are asked to research a topic and then teach their new knowledge to the group. This activity also works well as a revision task

How it works

1.

A week prior to your designated speed dating lesson, each pupil is assigned a task. I usually get pupils to pick a topic they do not feel comfortable with. This will then make them revise or research a topic that they may have chosen to avoid.

2.

Pupils are told to revise the whole section they are doing but to have 5/6 key points about this event as they will only have 3 minutes or so to make their points.

3.

In the lesson pupils will need paper to take notes or for KS3 you could design a table for them to record information.

4.

You need to set your room up prior to the lesson with chairs on either side of the desk facing each other. One pupil is going to sit still and one is going to move around the room. Obviously this means the people who are sat down don't speak to each other so you have to manage this yourself.

5.

Pupils have 3 minutes each to speak so are working as a pair for 6 minutes and then the person moves. You have to manage the timing.

At the end, pupils should then have roughly 15 events which they should have details of.