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## Language **8** Games



Find someone who...

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Example from.



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# ACTIVE 8

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### 1 a - b Find someone who.....

**Aim** To practice different tenses, QUESTIONS and SHORT FORM answers (eg Yes I did / No I didn't)  
Class and individuals. A market research activity. Very flexible.



### 2 a - b - c Desert Island

**Aim** To provide practice in questions and answers about locations, especially PRESENT TENSE QUESTIONS WITH AUXILIARIES  
e.g. 'Do you know where the marsh is?'  
Small groups. Explorer groups making a map. Information exchange.



### 3 a - b Birthday presents

**Aim** To actively practice comparatives and superlatives in a shopping situation.  
**Contents** Language input and record card (each student needs one).  
Shopkeeper's card (only for the 4 shopkeepers).  
Individuals or small groups. Looking for the best buys in 4 shops.



### 4 a - b 10 o'clock News

**Aim** To motivate the telling of news stories using appropriate tenses, and also to build up amusing interviews.  
**Description** Small groups (up to 7). Groups prepare news stories.  
**Practices** Reporting and interviewing using past tense.



### 5 a - b Film Festival

**Aim** To have fun in English using some imagination to "create" a film, and to practice the language of description, persuasion and comment.  
Voting to find the winner.  
Class vocabulary preparation followed by pair work. Creating a hit movie.



### 6 a - b Fun with pronunciation

**Aim** To practice sounds and intonation  
**Contents:** 6A - Picture sheet. 6B - The key phrases  
Class and individuals.  
Cartoon pictures containing pronunciation points.



### 7 a - b On the phone

**Aim** To practice telephone and social language through communicative exercises.  
Also the language of numbers/times/dates/measurements/prices etc.  
Pairwork. Caller/answer prompts with model conversations.



### 8 a - b A night on the town

**Aim** To practise expressions of choice concerning entertainment.  
**Contents** 8A Task Information / Role Cards 8B Eating out / Entertainment guide  
Mini role play - Planning an evening's entertainment.



Example from: **Full teaching notes for each game**

Example from:

Film Festival

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**Language Sheet**

*Presentation*

Our film is about / tells the story of ...  
 It's a documentary / a love story / a nature film  
 a travel film / cartoon / science fiction /  
 a horror movie  
 It is set in (down town Chicago / the Amazon  
 forest).  
 It is very funny / moving / thought provoking  
 It has a powerful message about ...  
 It has stunning scenery / a beautiful theme tune.

*Persuasion*

You must see it because ....  
 You'll love the special effects / theme tune /  
 scenery / quality of acting  
 It's the best / newest / film about ...  
 It's heart warming / spine chilling / exciting  
 Don't miss it!

*Comments from other delegates*

*Positive*

It sounds very interesting / stimulating / well-made.  
 It's obviously a major contribution to what we  
 know about ...  
 I'm really looking forward to seeing it  
 The best of luck. I hope your film does well.



*Not very positive*

It sounds awful/very boring/not very original.  
 It doesn't seem to tell us much about ...  
 It's a minority interest subject.  
 I don't think there is much interest in the  
 subject.  
 It's prejudiced. It doesn't give a fair picture.  
 It's just advertising.  
 It's much too long.



FILM FESTIVAL RECORD SHEET		
FILM FROM ...	TITLE	COMMENTS
<b>VOTING</b>	We give 2 points to .....	
	We give 1 point to .....	

# ACTIVE 8

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## Film Festival

<p><i>Egypt</i> <i>Treasures of the Sands:</i> A step by step guide to the building of the pyramids. New information about the world's most famous buildings. 120 mins</p>	<p><i>Great Britain</i> <i>Raining Cats and Dogs?</i> An interesting documentary proving that the British climate is the best in the world. 60 mins</p>
<p><i>Alaska</i> <i>Husky:</i> A touching story of the relationship between an orphan Eskimo boy and his dog. Wonderful scenery. 90 mins</p>	<p><i>South Africa</i> <i>Township Romeo:</i> A bitter sweet story of how the love of a black boy from Soweto and his white girlfriend finally succeeds - or does it? 120 mins</p>
<p><i>France</i> <i>Midnight in Marseille:</i> A powerful and often violent story of the battle against drug dealers. 60 mins</p>	<p><i>Russia</i> <i>For a Few Roubles More:</i> A satirical cartoon which makes fun of political efforts to move slowly to a free market economy. Includes exciting highlights of chess matches. 20 mins</p>
<p><i>China</i> <i>A Night at the Opera:</i> A very lively explanation of this ancient and noisy form of music. Includes interviews (in Chinese - with sub-titles) with performers and the audience. 4hrs.</p>	<p><i>India</i> <i>Feeding the Millions:</i> How the Indian government is financing agricultural projects. A challenging report on Third World problems. 45 mins</p>
<p><i>Peru</i> <i>The Last of the Incas:</i> An imaginary story of life for one survivor after the Spanish conquest. 90 mins</p>	<p><i>USA</i> <i>Alligator Farming in Florida:</i> An in-depth study of the exploitation of these beautiful creatures. 60 mins</p>
<p><i>Kenya</i> <i>Gamewarden:</i> A documentary about the dangers and pressures facing the wardens who try to protect elephants and rhinos. One man's difficult and dangerous fight against poachers. Human interest - environment - very dramatic. 120 mins</p>	<p><i>Switzerland</i> <i>Ski and Cheese?</i> A look at the stereotypes of Switzerland - mountains - cheese - cowbells - skiing at St. Moritz, but also at social problems under the surface. Interviews with young people. 35 mins</p>

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