



Find Pat

Find Pat is a great exercise that gives students the opportunity to practice self introductions. Everything needed for this activity is included below.

Instructions:

Print this work sheet. Then cut out the name cards. On each name card is printed a name, an occupation, and the name of a city. Then make enough copies of the dialog so that each student in class has his or her own copy.

In Class:

First distribute the dialog to the students. Then put the students in pairs and tell them to practice the dialog at least 4 times, changing roles each time. So, the first time through, student A would be Paul, and student B would be Diana. The second time, student A would be Diana, and student B would be Paul. Each student would be Paul twice, and each would be Diana twice. While the students are practicing, write the dialog on the board leaving blanks where the names, occupations and city names belong.

After they have practiced at least 4 times, take the printed dialog away from the students and distribute the name cards. Give male students name cards with boys names, and females name cards with girls names. Now tell the students that they are at a party. The name of the host is Pat, but Pat's identity is a mystery. It is the students' job to find Pat. The only way that they can find Pat is to introduce themselves to the other people at the party using the dialog that they have been practicing. The first person to find Pat gets a prize.

It should be obvious that if there was anyone named Pat among the students that he or she would be found within a few minutes. However, there is one catch, none of the name cards has the name Pat. In this activity the teacher is Pat. It has been my experience that students are reluctant to approach the teacher during this exercise, so they end up practicing the dialog several times before one of the brighter students figures out that there is no one named Pat. If a student does approach the teacher, though, the teacher should go through the dialog with the student and introduce himself or herself as Pat, and then end the exercise by rewarding the student who found Pat.

The Dialog

A: Hi. Nice party isn't it?

B: Yes. It is.

A: By the way, I'm Paul.

B: It's nice to meet you, Paul. My name is Diana.

A: Are you from around here, Diana?

B: No. I'm from Kwangju. What about you? Where are you from?

A: I'm from Seoul. So, what do you do in Kwangju?

B: I'm a travel agent.

A: Really? That sounds interesting.

B: It's okay. I get to meet a lot of interesting people. What do you do?

A: Me? I'm in sales. Listen, would you like something to drink?

B: Thanks. I'd love some orange juice.

The Name Cards

Sam Bartender From Boston	Paul A producer From Albany
David Mechanic From Knoxville	Mel Cook From Phoenix

Gorge Plumber From Dallas	Bob Lawyer From London
John Teacher From New York	James Pilot From Chicago
Robert Professor From Nashville	Ken Doctor From Miami
Kent Policeman From Manchester	Doug Firefighter From Kent
William Play write From Stratford	Steve Publisher From Berkley
Rodger Cowboy From Austin	Randy Waiter From Tulsa
Joseph Judge From Baltimore	Chris Congressman Washington D.C.
Dan Engineer From Deer born	Mark Technician From San Francisco
Justin Computer Programmer From Silicon Valley	Alex Biologist From Chicago
Kevin Chemist From Seoul	Tim Social worker From Pusan
Larry Pharmacist From Taegu	Jeff Stockbroker From Chunam
Jack Banker From Taejon	Raymond Musician From Mappo

Hanna Dentist From Seoul	Mary Student From Taejon
Linda Writer From Vermont	Kelly Model From San Francisco
Judy Waitress From Tulsa	Betty Housewife From Nashville
Vicki Stewardess From Inchun	Ann Student From Pusan
Amber Artist From Yusong	Kathy Bank Teller From Puya
Jade Dancer From Sangtan	Brittney Bartender From PyoungTaek
Molly Tour Guide From Cheju	Diana Travel agent From Kwangju

Follow up Activities
Scrambled Dialog

A: Hi. Nice party isn't it?

B: _____

A: _____

B: _____

A: _____

B: _____

A: _____

B: _____

A: _____

B: _____

A: _____

B: _____

A: Hi. Nice party isn't it?

Are you from around here, Diana?

By the way, I'm Paul.

Yes. It is.

Thanks. I'd love some orange juice.

No. I'm from Kwangju. What about you? Where are you from?

It's nice to meet you, Paul. My name is Diana.

I'm a travel agent

I'm from Seoul. So, what do you do in Kwangju?

It's okay. I get to meet a lot of interesting people. What do you do?

Me? I'm in sales. Listen, would you like something to drink?

Really? That sounds interesting.

Cloze Activity

A: Hi. Nice party isn't it?

B: Yes. It is.

A: By the way ____ Paul. (I / I'm)

B: It's nice to meet you, Paul. ____ name is Diana. (I / My)

A: ____ you from around here, Diana? (Where / Are)

B: No. I'm from Kwangju. What about ____? Where are you from?
(you / your)

A: I'm from Seoul. So, what do ____ do in Kwangju? (you / your)

B: ____ a travel agent (I'm / My)

A: Really? ____ sounds interesting. (That / It)

B: It's okay. ____ get to meet a lot of interesting people.
What do you do? (I / My)

A: ____? I'm in sales. Listen, would you like something to drink?
(I / Me)

B: Thanks. I'd love some orange juice. (I / I'd)

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Introductions

G G Y W J I M O U I Z O W
O N A M E N Y J W H O A H
N R J J E T K W H E R E A
T I N T E R E S T I N G T
J A C P X O Z W J U Z M I
J M M E K D S Q P I G P W
D K E N Q U T L I S T E N
V I I E I C Y A D C G W O
B R F B T T E N L E Z L F
D W R J K I U Z V K L L L
L B O C T O N I O E I J Z
P B M R R N L G H B E N Y
S F R A K S P A R T Y P G

meeting	who	hello
introductions	what	listen
live	interesting	name
work	party	around
where	drink	from
nice	talking	

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G G Y W J I M O U I Z O W
O N A M E N Y J W H O A H
N R J J E T K W H E R E A
T I N T E R E S T I N G T
J A C P X O Z W J U Z M I
J M M E K D S Q P I G P W
D K E N Q U T L I S T E N
V I E I C Y A D C G W O
B R F B T T E N L E Z L F
D W R J K I U Z V K L L L
L B O C T O N I O E I J Z
P B M R R N L G H B E N Y
S F R A K S P A R T Y P G