



## Level:

Elementary and above.

## Language Aims:

To ask questions in order to find out more about someone. To listen and write down answers.

## Preparation:

Make enough copies of the **Student Handouts** and **Answer Table** on the next two pages for each student.

## Procedure:

1. Make copies of the information sheets on the next page. Students will work in groups of six so there should be one copy for each member in a group of six.
2. Give each student in a group of six one of the information sheets. Give them time to read their information sheet and understand what it says. (Tell them not to show their sheet to other students in the same group.)
3. Tell students in a group that they have two minutes to find out what they have in common. Let them spend two minutes comparing information with other students to work out what it is that they all do. (Answer: they all can eat large amounts of different foods quickly. This is described as 'competitive eating'.)
4. After students have answered the question in 3., give them a copy of the blank answer sheet below. Ask them to complete it for the members of their group by mingling to ask the other students questions and answering each others' questions.
5. Have a short feedback session in which you quickly check some or all of the information contained in the students' completed answer sheets.



**Suggestion:** For lower level students, discuss what questions they would ask to complete the answer sheet in 4. and write the questions on the board if necessary. Students could also meet with others who have the same information sheet and practice answering questions (i.e. "Sonya Thomas" from Group 1 meets with the other "Sonya Thomases" from other groups.)

For higher levels, ask students to actually role-play the people. You may like to ask them to memorize the information from their information sheets in 2. above so the exercise becomes a little more 'realistic'.

**Please note:** This warmer ties in well with the **Instant Lesson "Hot-Dog!"** There is an international federation of competitive eating which lists the upcoming competitions: <http://www.ifoce.com>. This website also lists current rankings of competitive eaters. You could create more information sheets for 2. above if you wish by using information from this website..



Student Handout - Text for Student 1

**My name is Godfrey Bertelsen from England.  
I am a Doughnut-Eating champion.  
I ate 49 doughnuts in 8 minutes.**

Student Handout - Text for Student 2

**My name is Simon Hopewell from New Zealand.  
I am a Chinatown Dumpling-Eating Champion.  
I ate 91 dumplings in 8 minutes.**

Student Handout - Text for Student 3

**My name is Takeru Kobayashi from Japan.  
I am the World Hot-Dog-Eating Champion and the Number One Competitive Eater in the world.  
I ate 53 and a 1/2 hot-dogs and buns in 12 minutes.**

Student Handout - Text for Student 4

**My name is Rich LeFevre of the United States.  
I am the World Chili-Eating Champion.  
I ate 1 1/2 gallons of chili in 10 minutes.**



Student Handout - Text for Student 5

**My name is Marcus Steinhoff from Germany.  
In 2002 I was the German Pig-Leg Eating Champion.  
I ate 7 pig legs in 15 minutes.**

Student Handout - Text for Student 6



**My name is Sonya Thomas from the United States. (I was born in South Korea.)  
I am the Number 2 Competitive Eater in world.  
I ate 65 hard-boiled eggs in 7 minutes.**

**Some of the World's Top Competitive Eaters**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of things eaten and how long it took: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of things eaten and how long it took: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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