



Level: Intermediate and above

This is a spoken fluency Warmer that you can use to arrange impromptu talks with your class.

**Time:** 10 - 15 minutes

**Language Aims:** To encourage spoken fluency by having students talk, or ask questions to each other.

**Preparation:** You will need a set of palm cards. Write down one topic on each card. (Be sure to have enough cards for each student in the class.)

Some topic ideas:

**the influence of TV on teens**

**music**

**theater**

**war**

**education**

Put the cards in a container, hat or bag.

**Procedure:**

1. Go around the class and ask each student to pick one topic card. Be sure they cannot see the cards while they are picking.
2. Tell the first student they can either ask questions to their classmates or begin talking about the topic. The student should talk between 1 to 5 minutes.
3. Call on the next student to repeat Step 2 or have the previous student select a classmate to talk.

If you have a large class, students can give their talks during two or three sessions. As an alternative, you could pair students up to speak to each other rather than speak to the whole class.

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