

Ambitions

Grade: GESE Grade 6 (CEFR B1.2)

Time: 20 minutes

Aims:

- ▶ A personalised speaking activity
- ▶ To practise conversation skills with a personalised topic

Skill focus:

- ▶ To demonstrate a selection of B1 spoken language functions, for example, obligation, certainty and uncertainty

Resources:

- ▶ Plain paper

Procedure

- ▶ Divide the group into pairs and give each student a piece of paper. Ask Ss to write or draw an ambition in the centre of the page; these should be realistic if possible. Elicit some examples to demonstrate.

Examples: *To speak perfect English. To be a footballer. To meet a famous person. To climb Mount Everest. To learn to scuba dive.*

- ▶ Ask pairs to then discuss what they would have to do in order to reach their ambition. Write an example on the board. Eg *To be a footballer you have to practise playing football everyday.*
- ▶ Each student notes their ideas on their piece of paper.
- ▶ Ask pairs to swap partners with another pair but do not show their notes.
- ▶ The objective is for each student to guess the other student's ambition by hearing what they have to do to reach it. Write the following question frame on the board:

If I _____, what ambition will I reach?

- ▶ Students take turns to give as many points as necessary before their partner guesses their ambition.
- ▶ Pairs then discuss how likely they think it is that either will accomplish the ambitions stated.
- ▶ Pairs swap partners once more and repeat the activity. Monitor for language points for correction and give general feedback in a plenary to finish

