

Advice Cards

About the cards

When I made this set I had the feeling that maybe the full size cards weren't much use and the smaller strips would be better for this activity. I've included both just in case. As you can see this is just a set of simple ideas which students can ask for advice about. The small strips on the following page are maybe the easiest on your printer but if you want the students to have a slightly more significant thing to hold in their hand then by all means use the full size cards.

Who is this sheet for?

This set is aimed at mature students who can talk about a variety of subjects personal and professional and discuss them at some length. The ideas used are by no means the only ones available but I've used them a number of times in classes and had some good results.

Using the worksheet

Tell students you have a problem and you're not sure what to do. Something light, not really serious. Maybe like, I have a sore back or I dropped my phone and the screen cracked. Ask for a little advice and see what they are able to offer. Make corrections and collect them for students to use. Then have them get into pairs or groups and discuss some of the examples on the cards.

Ideally they should be able to talk at length about things in their own lives but that might be a bit too personal for some students or topics. Strangely enough many people will say something deeply personal in another language they would never say to people close to them in their native language. So look out for any red flags and make sure students are comfortable sharing at their own pace.

Credit

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My friend's breath smells bad.

I get headaches when I read.

My phone bill is always really expensive.

My sister plays her music too loud.

My back hurts.

I'm very scared of frogs.

I have trouble sleeping at night.

I can never remember people's names.

I don't know how to use the internet.

My teacher gives me a lot of homework.

I have a lot of unpaid bills.

I got a parking ticket.

My dog ran away.

I'm a really bad driver.

I lost my passport and my trip is tomorrow!

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I forgot my boy or girlfriend's birthday.

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