

# Find a Friend In a Crowd

**Situation:** Students are at a gathering, party, a student orientation etc. and don't know each other. They need to circulate and find people with similar interests or experiences as them.

**Role Play Cards:** The students take on the roles of the people on the cards. *This is helpful for students who already know each other well but with whom you want to practice introductions, ice breakers or introducing others in formal or casual situations.*

**Activity:** Set up the situation and have students read the sample cards. Once you clarify any language or answer any necessary questions set the students to talking.

**Variation:** There is lots of room for variation. Students could make their own false identities. Once they have made friends they could meet others and compare, or introduce their new friends to other friends. They could be asked to find specific people and so on.

**Name:** Michiko Koriyama

**Hometown:** Sendai, Japan

**Job:** translator

**Free Time:** video games

**Interesting thing about me**

I speak four languages; French, English, Mongolian and of course Japanese. French pronunciation was the hardest to master.

**Name:** Harold Tomaselli

**Hometown:** Springs, Florida

**Job:** security guard

**Free Time:** baseball

**Interesting thing about me**

I go to the Yankees' training center in Spring Hill Florida every weekend. Sometimes I talk to the players and coaches. It's great fun.

**Name:** Linda Nyidevich

**Hometown:** Moscow, Russia

**Job:** taxi driver

**Free Time:** biking

**Interesting thing about me**

I love stories about people's real lives. My friends say I gossip, but I think real life is the best story there is.

**Name:** Steven Debusay

**Hometown:** Paris, France

**Job:** art restorer

**Free Time:** rugby / knitting

**Interesting thing about me**

I work with art but I don't really like art. I love Rugby! I am always checking game scores and belong to three Rugby clubs in my city.

**Name:** Eric Alexis

**Hometown:** Nuuk, Greenland

**Job:** environmental scientist

**Free Time:** books / jogging

**Interesting thing about me**

I read about three books every week and I read everything except romance novels. They aren't my thing.

**Name:** Arryan Alphonse

**Hometown:** Brooklyn, NY

**Job:** restaurateur

**Free Time:** movies / baseball

**Interesting thing about me**

When Steven Spielberg is in New York, he always comes to my restaurant. He loves the coffee and always tells a new story when he comes in.

**Name:** Robert B. McDoughn

**Hometown:** Paisley

**Job:** fence builder

**Free Time:** darts / cars

**Interesting thing about me**

Living just outside of Paisley is a pretty quiet and fun life. I have a simple job and enjoy nature and playing darts with friends at the pub.

**Name:** Marie Tompkins

**Hometown:** Toronto

**Job:** shop clerk

**Free Time:** fashion / books

**Interesting thing about me**

Designing and making my own clothes is my dream. I love fashion. Our clothes are an expression of our personalities.

**Name:** Alegra Montejo

**Hometown:** Chicago

**Job:** judge

**Free Time:** fishing / skiing

**Interesting thing about me**

My job is pretty serious and busy. I like to get away from the city and work and just relax in a boat on a lake. That's real living!

**Name:** Bob Hostings

**Hometown:** Los Angeles

**Job:** construction worker

**Free Time:** knitting / fitness

**Interesting thing about me**

My grandfather was a circus clown and now I'm really scared of them. I never go to the circus and I don't feel comfortable at McDonald's.

**Name:** Maria Latte'

**Hometown:** Naples, Italy

**Job:** barista

**Free Time:** cars / fashion

**Interesting thing about me**

I got my first car when I was ten. I couldn't drive it but I worked on it in our garage. It was a 1956 Chevy pickup truck. A real beauty.

**Name:** Terrance Balbosa

**Hometown:** Bristol, England

**Job:** maths teacher

**Free Time:** hiking / skiing

**Interesting thing about me**

I was born in England but I grew up in Greece where I learned to love hiking and snorkeling. Greek history is my favorite school subject.

**Name:** Thomas Chang

**Hometown:** San Francisco

**Job:** chef

**Free Time:** jogging / biking

**Interesting thing about me**

My parents don't speak any English. When I talk to them it's hard to understand them because I only speak a little Chinese.

**Name:** William Masters

**Hometown:** Cardiff Wales

**Job:** mechanic

**Free Time:** video games

**Interesting thing about me**

I get bored easily so video games are great. If I'm not working on cars, I'm playing games. My wife gets mad but I love them!

**Name:** Maria Lopez

**Hometown:** Dallas, Texas

**Job:** English teacher

**Free Time:** hiking / fitness

**Interesting thing about me**

When I was a child I lived in Mexico city. Later I moved to the U.S. and learned English. Now I teach it! I work hard and I play hard!