

Trio activity

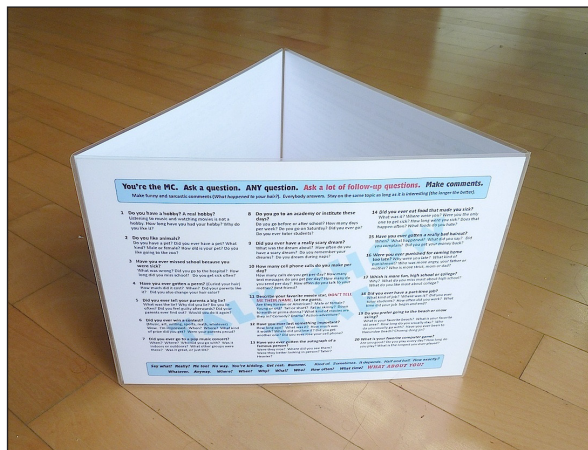
Follow-up Question Frenzy

This activity contains advanced questions, such as, “What’s your most embarrassing moment?” Students may not have the ability to answer clearly, but they have a lot of fun trying.

For a class of 30, make 10 copies of each sheet. If you copy on stiff drawing paper you can use over and over. Make some extras because a few students will mangle. You can also coat them, and then tape them in triangles, as seen below, and use forever.

GB finer point: When three students each have questions in front of them, they tend to ask too many questions, with not enough conversations. It’s all questions with short answers.

The solution: give just one student the A question sheet. They will act as the MC. Pick a student and say: *You’re the talk show host. You ask the questions. You and you ask “What about you?”*



Below is the first day of class with the pair coated activity. Their phones are on a desk under the screen, which is showing the internet 7-minute timer. They’ve got questions to ask, a partner they’ve never met, and a professor who appears to be ignoring them. They don’t have a whole lot of choice but to speak. And hey, their college students, they love to talk.



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- 1 **Do you have a hobby? A real hobby?**
Listening to music and watching movies is not a hobby. How long have you had your hobby? Why do you like it?
- 2 **Do you like animals?**
Do you have a pet? Did you ever have a pet? What kind? Male or female? How old is your pet? Do you like going to the zoo?
- 3 **Have you ever missed school because you were sick?**
What was wrong? Did you go to the hospital? How long did you miss school? Do you get sick often?
- 4 **Have you ever gotten a perm?**
How much did it cost? When? Did your parents like it? Did you also change your hair color? Did you regret?
- 5 **Did you ever tell your parents a big lie?**
What was the lie? Why did you lie? Do you lie often? Did you feel guilty afterwards? Did your parents ever find out? Would you do it again?
- 6 **Did you ever win a contest?**
(Music, art, writing, sports, math, whatever) Wow. I'm impressed. When? Where? What kind of prize did you get? Were your parents proud?
- 7 **Did you ever go to a pop music concert?**
When? Where? Who did you go with? Was it indoors or outdoors? What other groups were there? Was it great, or just OK?
- 8 **Do you go to a cram academy these days?**
Do you go before or after school? How many days per week? Do you go on Saturday? Do you ever tutor students?
- 9 **Did you ever have a really scary dream?**
What was the dream about? How often do you have a scary dream? Do you remember your dreams? Do you dream during naps?
- 10 **How many texts do you send per day?**
How many do you get? Who are they mainly from? How often do you check your email? How often do you talk to your mother?
- 11 **Describe your favorite movie star, DON'T TELL ME THEIR NAME. Let me guess.**
Are they Korean or American? Male or female? Young or old? Tall or short? Fat or skinny? Down to earth or prima donna? What kind of movies are they in? Comedy? Drama? Action-adventure? Costume drama?
- 12 **Have you ever lost something important?**
How long ago? What was it? How much was it worth? Where did you lose it? Did you get another one? Did you ever lose your cell phone? How many cell phones have you had?
- 13 **Have you ever gotten the autograph of a famous person?**
Were they nice? Where did you see them? Were they better looking in person? Taller? Heavier? If you could take a selfie with a star, who would it be?
- 14 **Did you ever eat food that made you sick?**
What was it? Where were you? Were you the only one to get sick? How long were you sick? Does that happen often? What foods do you hate? Do you cook?
- 15 **Have you ever gotten a really bad haircut?**
When? What happened? What did you say? Did you complain? Did you get your money back? Did people laugh at you on the subway?
- 16 **Were you ever punished for coming home too late?**
Why were you late? What kind of punishment? Who was more angry, your father or mother? Who is more strict, mom or dad?
- 17 **Which is more fun, high school or college?**
Why? What do you miss most about high school? What do you like most about college?
- 18 **Did you ever have a part-time job?**
What kind of job? Where was it? Did you ever tutor students? How often did you work? What time did your job begin and end?
- 19 **Do you prefer going to the beach or snow skiing?**
What is your favorite beach? What is your favorite ski area? How long do you usually stay? Who do you usually go with?
- 20 **What is your favorite computer game?**
Are you good? Do you play every day? How long do you play? What is the longest you ever played?

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- 21 Do you belong to Facebook?**
How many friends do you have on Facebook?
How often do you go to Facebook? Tell me about your site. Do you have a good camera?
- 22 Have you ever fainted?**
Why? What happened? Where were you?
Did you drink too much? How much?
- 23 Did you ever fall asleep in class?**
How long ago? What class? How long were you asleep? What did the teacher say?
- 24 Did you ever go to a classical music concert?**
Where? How long ago? What orchestra or performer? Do you like classical music? Do you play a musical instrument? Are you good? How long have you played?
- 25 Did you ever stay up all night studying?**
Really? Wow! What subject? What time did you finally go to sleep? How did you do on the test? Did you fall asleep during the test?
- 26 Tell me about your favorite TV show, DO NOT TELL ME THE NAME, let me guess.**
Is it a comedy or drama? What day does it come on? What time? How long does it last? Who is the star? Why do you like it?
- 27 Have you ever been lost?**
How long ago? Where were you? Were you alone? How long were you lost? Do you get lost often? Does your father get lost often?
- 28 Are you good with computers?**
What programs do you know? How many emails do you send and get per day? Do you use email or cell phone more? Do you have a good printer?
- 29 Would you prefer to be the best actor, singer, athlete, or the richest person in the world?**
Why exactly? Are rich people happier? What is the first thing you would do if you were rich?
- 30 What is the longest you ever studied non-stop?**
What subject? When? What grade did you get? What is the longest you ever slept? The longest you ever watched TV?
- 31 Did you ever have to stay in the hospital overnight?**
What happened? Where? How long ago? How long did you stay in the hospital? Did it hurt? Was the doctor or nurse cute?
- 32 Did you ever see a movie star, or TV star or music star in person?**
Where? When? How close did you get to them? Were they better looking in person? Were they nice or stuck up?
- 33 Has your cell phone ever rung in class?**
What class was it? What did your teacher say? What did you say? Did you look at your phone or quickly take out the battery?
- 34 Are you very good at anything?**
Is anyone in your family very talented at something? (music, sports) How long have you been doing that?
- 35 What is the most embarrassing thing that ever happened to you?**
Where? How old were you? What did you do after? How many people saw you?
- 36 What was your best vacation or semester break ever?**
Why? When? Where? Who were you with? What was your worst vacation or semester break?
- 37 Tell me about your favorite movie, DO NOT TELL ME THE NAME, let me guess.**
What kind of movie is it? Is it a new movie, or old classic? Where does the movie take place?
- 38 If it's not too personal, what is your religion? Is your whole family the same faith? Do you believe strongly, or so-so? Are you active in your church? Did you ever teach bible study?**
- 39 What is the first thing you remember in your whole life?**
How old were you? Why do you think you remember that particular thing?
- 40 How many other universities did you apply to?**
Which ones? Which school was your first choice? Would you like to transfer to another university? Would you like to change your major?

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- 41 What is your favorite sport or exercise?**
Do you like to exercise? How often do you exercise? What is your favorite sport to play? To watch? Are you any good?
- 42 How many countries have you been to?**
What was your favorite? Why? Do you buy a t-shirt in every country you have been to?
- 43 Tell me about your favorite singer, DO NOT TELL ME THEIR NAME, let me guess.**
Is it a single person or a group? How many people in the group? What kind of music do they play?
- 44 Have you ever traveled abroad?**
When? How long were you there? Who did you go with? How long did you stay? Did you make any new friends? Which country or place did you like best? Why?
- 45 Have you ever fallen asleep and missed your subway station or bus stop?**
How long ago? Where? Does that happen often? How did you finally wake up?
- 46 Do you believe in ghosts?**
Why? Did you ever see a ghost? What happened? Tell me a scary ghost story. Did a ghost ever steal your homework?
- 47 Has someone ever asked you out, but you said "No, I'm busy."**
Who asked you? Why did you say no? Did you lie when you said no? Do you sometimes dress down so boys don't talk to you?
- 48 Do you prefer the summer or the winter?**
Why? What do you usually do during the semester breaks? Do you travel or study?
- 49 Have you ever been a class leader?**
When? Where? How many times? Did you like it? Did you become a dictator? Are you a people person? Would you like to do it again?
- 50 Are you close to your brother or sister?**
Do you ever argue or fight? Why? What is your age gap? Do you wish you had more siblings, or less? Who is better looking?
- 51 Have you ever been burned, cut badly, or had a broken bone?**
What happened? Do you have a scar? Was it painful? Did you bleed a lot? Did you get stitches?
- 52 What is your zodiac sign?**
Do you believe in that zodiac stuff? What is your blood type? Did you ever go to a fortune teller? Do you believe in astrology?
- 53 Do you prefer a little delicious food or a lot of regular-tasting food?**
How often do you pig out? What is your favorite food? Did you ever eat food that was moving?
- 54 Tell me about your schedule this semester.**
How many hours are you taking? Do you have a free day? What is your busiest day? Do you like your major? Do you have a minor yet?
- 55 If you could have a front row seat at any concert of any band, who would it be?**
Why? What is your favorite kind of music? Who is your favorite singer or group? How often do you go to a singing room?
- 56 Have you ever gone on a strict diet?**
How long were you on the diet? Did it work? What kind of foods did you eat? How much weight did you lose? How long were you on the diet?
- 57 What do you want to do after you graduate?**
When will you graduate? What is your second choice? Would you like to go to graduate school? Which school? Would you like to be self-employed?
- 58 Do you belong to a club or organization?**
How long have you belonged? How often do you meet? How many members?
- 59 What are your pet peeves?**
Do you get angry often? Do you have a short fuse? (I hate it when people count their money before leaving the money machine.)
- 60 What is most important to you in a husband or wife: tall, good looking, well built, or rich? Personality?** (*Yeah, right.*)
Do you believe in love at first sight? Tell us about your first crush.

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