

Natural English Intermediate Units 1 and 2 Speaking game- Strangers on a Train

(This activity is designed to tie in with Natural English Intermediate Unit 1, but will work with any class on starting conversations and/ or transport.)

Cut out the cards below and deal them out to the students. Students must pretend that they are meeting people for the first time, start a conversation and try to naturally slip the sentence or sentences they have been given into the conversation without their partner spotting which sentence they are trying to say. After 3 to 5 minutes of conversation, give points for spotting which sentence your partner was trying to say and for slipping yours into conversation without your partner spotting it.

I love elephants
How many times have you been to Bangkok?
My brother wanted to be a surgeon.
Would you like to run your own business?
I worked part-time as a motorcycle courier when I was at university
I think the ancient history of the Greeks is fascinating
My granny fell downstairs last week
I'm planning to move to Colombia
I had a shaved head when I was teenager
Have you ever been on a blind date?
This is a photo of me on a camel in the desert
I'm quite thirsty. How about you?
I had a frightening experience in a boat once.
I'd like to try hang gliding one day.