

Memory Lane

This activity practices your ability to fill silences while creating thinking time for yourself.

Creating time to think

Let me see...

Let me think...

That's a good question...

That's a difficult question...

Brainstorm more thinking time phrases and write them in the box

Opening question 1

Where did you go to elementary school?

Follow up questions

- 1 Who was your favorite teacher? Why?
- 2 What was your favorite school lunch? Why?
- 3 What did you usually do during lunch breaks?
- 4 What did your pencil case look like?
- 5 Do you have a good sports festival memory?
- 6 Where did your class go on a school trip?

Opening question 2

Where did you grow up?

Follow up questions

- 1 What was your favorite thing to do in your hometown?

2 Who was your best friend growing up? Can you describe them?

3 What was your favorite childhood game?

4 Did you have a favorite place to hang out as a kid?

5 What was your favorite local festival/event?

6 Did you have any pets growing up? Can you describe them?

Opening question 3

When did you last take a trip to a new city or country?

Follow up questions

1 What was the best part of your trip?

2 How did you move around the city or country? Did you walk a lot?

3 Did you try any local food? How was it?

4 How was it different to your hometown/home country?

5 Did you get any souvenirs?

6 Did you meet/speak to any local people?

Opening question 4

When was the last time you received a gift?

Follow up questions

1 Who gave it to you?

2 How did you feel when you received it?

3 Was it something you needed?

4 Was it a gift from Japan or overseas?

5 Were you surprised?

6 Did you give a gift in return?