16 Question Strips
MOON

- When did people first walk on the moon?

- Would you like to visit the moon? Why? / Why not?

- Which is bigger: the sun or the moon?

- What is a lunar eclipse?

- What is a solar eclipse?

- Compare the moon and the earth.

- Have you ever seen a solar eclipse?

- Have you ever seen a lunar eclipse?

- Which day of the week is named after the sun? *[Answer: Monday]*

- How many days does it take for the moon to go around Earth?

- Why does the earth have a moon?

- What is a full moon?

- How do you feel when you look at the moon?

- Compare the moon and the sun.

- Who owns the moon?

- Do you think aliens live on the moon? Why? / Why not?

Aim Speaking Practice

Level Intermediate to Advanced

• As a Seated Activity

Have your students seated in pairs or in groups of three.

Lay the sixteen cut-up questions – face-down – between the students.

Students take turns randomly selecting questions to ask their partner(s). Encourage follow-up questions.

Be sure to set a time frame for your students (try starting with 10 – 15 minutes for 16 questions; you may want to adjust this in later classes). Monitor and assist.

• As a Standing Activity 1

Have all your students stand up.

Give one question strip to each student.

Students find a partner and ask their question. Encourage follow-up questions.

After the students have asked each other their questions, have them exchange question strips and find new partners and continue.

Set a time frame as above. Monitor and assist.

• As a Standing Activity 2

This activity runs exactly the same as in 'Standing Activity 1' except that students first have about a minute to memorize their question (before placing it in their pocket – it can be used as a prompt if needed).

After each short conversation, students 'mentally exchange' their questions – they must help each other memorize their new questions before setting of to find a new partner.

This activity version is a little challenging, but also lots of fun – and it's great to see all the learning that takes place!

Set a time frame as above. Monitor and assist.