

QUESTION CHAIN

Of course, popcorn
is easy to make.

Hi, how are you?



I'm fine, thanks.
And you?

What's your name?



Chain Questions

Level

Chain Questions is aimed at students who are at level A2 and/or B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

The teacher can choose the level which best corresponds to the needs of his/her class.

The levels are indicated by colours and stars which appear on the back of the cards: orange cards with one star refer to level A2, and blue cards with two stars refer to level B1.

Language aims

- Practise and revise question forms, tenses and basic English vocabulary.
- Practise conversation skills via mini-dialogues.
- Introduce several common idiomatic expressions.

Components

The game consists of:

- two sets of 66 playing cards (levels A2 and B1)
- an instruction booklet

Rules of the game

The game can be played at school or at home.

The teacher or group leader chooses one set of playing cards and hands them out to the students.

On each card there is an answer and a question.

The youngest player starts the game by asking the question on one of his/her cards. The other players listen carefully. The player holding the card which contains the answer to the question must read out loud the answer. He/She then continues the game by asking the question which appears on the same card. Play continues in this way until the last question has been answered. If the game is played correctly, the student who started the game off should also be the student who gives the answer to the final question.

The teacher can suggest a total time limit for the game by ensuring students ask and answer questions within a set time.

If a player reads or answers a question incorrectly, or not within the time limit, the teacher can interrupt the game and ask the student to do a forfeit. For example, the teacher can write a tongue twister on the board which the player has to repeat three times. This provides a fun phonetical exercise. The player can then join in the game once again.

Here are some ideas for tongue twisters:

- *Red lorry, yellow lorry, red lorry, yellow lorry.*
- *Unique New York.*
- *Sam's shop stocks short spotted socks.*
- *Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.*
- *How much wood would a wood-chuck chuck, if a wood-chuck could chuck wood?*
- *I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice-cream.*
- *A proper copper coffee pot.*
- *She sells sea shells by the sea shore.*

For further tongue twister ideas visit:

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/8136/tonguetwisters.html>

<http://www.world-english.org/tonguetwisters.htm>

Alternative game ideas

Suggestion no. 1

The teacher chooses a card with a specific structure which he/she wishes to practise.

The teacher then invites the students to answer the question with a personal response.

Suggestion no. 2

The teacher hands out 6/8 cards to each student. Each student asks a classmate their questions and the classmate should reply with a personal response. They then swap roles and answer their classmate's questions.

Suggestion no. 3

The teacher asks the students to choose several questions and the corresponding answers.

They then need to create a dialogue which they can act out.

Game sequence

Level A2*

- <1> Of course, popcorn is easy to make.
- <2> I'm fine, thanks. And you?
- <3> My name's Julie.
- <4> By bike. My school isn't far.
- <5> It's 56 pounds.
- <6> It's raining today!
- <7> I'm 16 years old.

Hi, how are you?

What's your name?

How do you usually go to school?

Excuse me, how much is it?

What's the weather like today in London?

How old are you?

When is your birthday?

- <8> My birthday is on 27th April.
 <9> My dad's an electrician.
 <10> I don't feel very well. I've got a temperature.
 <11> It's Maria's.
 <12> I'll have an orange juice, please.
 <13> Yes, I'm Mr Peters.
 <14> Of course, it's RO-BIN-SON.
 <15> Go straight ahead.
 <16> He's coming to get me at nine o'clock.
 <17> It's 0208-596-6149.
 <18> I like science fiction films.
 <19> I'm going to the beach this year.
 <20> I'm packing a pair of trousers, a T-shirt and a hat.
 <21> There are pens, felt-tip pens and crayons.
 <22> Tonight there's a documentary about penguins.
 <23> The train arrives at half past five.
 <24> The library is in Victoria Road, next to the bank.
 <25> It's Mr Jones, my next-door neighbour.
 <26> It's a digital camera.
 <27> My friend has got long hair and green eyes.
 <28> He's small and brown.
 <29> I live in Cambridge, at number 45 Bond Street.
 <30> I'm a journalist.
 <31> No, Caroline is American.
 <32> She was born on 9th August, 1993.
 <33> No, I can't speak German. I only speak English.
 <34> Let's go to the Picasso exhibition.
 <35> I always buy it at the newsagent's next to the station.
 <36> I'm going to wear a white shirt with my blue skirt.

- What does your dad do?**
What's the matter?
Whose book is this?
What would you like to drink?
Are you Mr Peters?
Could you repeat your surname, please?
Excuse me, how do I get to the station?
What time is Mark coming to get you?
What's your telephone number?
What kind of films do you like?
Where are you going on holiday this year?
What are you packing in your suitcase?

What's in your pencil case?

What's on TV tonight?

- What time does the train arrive?**
Excuse me, where is the library?

- Who is that man?**
What is it?
What does your friend look like?
What's your dog like?
Where do you live?

- What do you do?**
Is Caroline French?
When was your sister born?
Can you speak German?

- What shall we do this afternoon?**
Where do you buy the newspaper?

What are you going to wear with your blue skirt?

Shall we buy some bread?

<37> But the baker's is closed!
<38> His name is Steven.

<39> Flour, eggs, milk, sugar and baking powder.
<40> Sorry, I left it in the car!
<41> maria.taylor@memail.com
<42> It's red.
<43> I prefer football!
<44> Yes, I've got a brother called Simon
and a sister called Emily.
<45> I listen to music and watch TV.
<46> My knee hurts.
<47> Susan's in the kitchen. She's getting
breakfast ready.
<48> I'm one metre sixty.
<49> I'm going home by the Underground.
<50> No, but I want to go next year.
<51> I recommend the steak and chips.
<52> I'm reading a magazine.
<53> I don't eat anything. I just have a
cup of coffee.
<54> I'm free on Wednesday and Sunday.
<55> I think they're blue.
<56> I'm listening to rock music.
<57> Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding.
<58> I've known him for about a year.
<59> Yes, I really like them. They're fantastic!
<60> It lasts more than two hours.
<61> To get to the airport you need to take the
motorway.
<62> It's open from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
<63> Yes, I can play the piano and the guitar.
<64> It's half past nine.

<65> I always go out with my friends.
<66> Sure, I'll call you back on your mobile.

What is your best friend's name?
**What ingredients do we need to
make a cake?**
Where's the bag?
What's your email address?
What's your favourite colour?
Do you prefer football or tennis?
Have you got any brothers or sisters?

What do you do in your free time?
Where does it hurt?
Where is Susan?

How tall are you?
How are you going home?
Have you ever been to Australia?
What do you recommend?
What are you reading?
What do you eat for breakfast?

When are you free this week?
What colour are Tom's eyes?
What are you listening to?
What's your favourite food?
How long have you known that boy for?
Do you like my new skis?
How long does this film last?
Excuse me, how do I get to the airport?

What time does the bank open?
Can you play a musical instrument?
Excuse me, what time is it?
**Who are you going out with on
Saturday evening?**
Can you call me later?
Do you know how to make popcorn?

Level B1**

- <1> Let's all meet in front of the school at 8.00 a.m. on the dot!
- <2> The Hilton Hotel is ideal for you.
- <3> Yes, of course. I've won swimming galas too.
- <4> I'd like to listen to some jazz music.
- <5> No, but I can play the drums.
- <6> Yes, I did. It was a really good game!
- <7> No, I fancy going dancing.
- <8> Yes, I'll have a fruit salad, please.
- <9> No, but I've got her work number. It's 0207-852-4673.
- <10> I need to go to Heathrow airport.
- <11> Yes, I had a cat called Whiskers.
- <12> Yes, there's space on 5th May at 5.00 p.m.
- <13> 150 grams, please.
- <14> I read 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by J.K. Rowling.
- <15> Take these lozenges. They'll do you good.
- <16> Her name was Mrs Collins.
- <17> That's easy. It's 180!
- <18> Yes, I want to eat a big sandwich.
- <19> Yes, it's in the main square.
- <20> She was wearing a checked skirt and a stripy jumper.
- <21> Try looking in the dairy products department.
- <22> It's time to get up!
- <23> I took the number 33: it was full!
- <24> No, why should I be angry with you!
- <25> In the usual place. They're in your bedroom!
- <26> They should arrive in half an hour.
- <27> No, I arrived early!
- <28> The changing rooms are over there.

**Could you recommend me a good hotel?
Can you swim?**

What sort of music would you like to listen to?

**Peter, can you play the guitar?
Did you see the game on Sunday?
Do you fancy going to the cinema?
Would you like to order anything else?
Have you got Anna's telephone number?**

**Where do you need to go?
Have you ever had a pet?
Doctor, can I make an appointment?
How much cheese would you like?
What did you do during the journey?**

**I've got a sore throat. What can I take?
What was your primary school teacher's name?
How much is 15x12?
Are you hungry?
Excuse me, could you tell me where the Egyptian Museum is?
What was Mary wearing?**

**Excuse me, where can I find the fresh milk?
What time is it?
Which bus did you take?
Are you angry with me?
Where did you put my shoes?
When are Robert and Lucy arriving?
Did you get to school late yesterday?
Excuse me, where can I try on this jumper?
What material is your schoolbag made from?**

- <29> I'm not sure, but it looks like plastic.
- <30> It depends... it can last up to three hours.
- <31> Not yet. Be patient.
- <32> I've been studying it for a year, but I only know a few words.
- <33> No, that's my brother!
- <34> It costs 7 pounds, but with your student's card there's a 20% discount.
- <35> Doctor Carter speaking, what can I do for you?
- <36> Yes, we had a great time!
- <37> Yes, here it is!
- <38> Nothing... it's only the dog!
- <39> No, thanks. I can manage.
- <40> Yes, I always used to ride my bike at my grandparents house.
- <41> I'd love to go to the beach, but I've got to study!
- <42> There's one in Old Street.
- <43> No, sorry. I'm terrible at maths!
- <44> No, I'd prefer to pay in cash.
- <45> No, thanks. I'm on a diet!
- <46> I think you should look for another job.
- <47> You can put an advertisement in a newspaper.
- <48> It's going to snow!
- <49> No, I haven't had the pleasure of meeting her yet!
- <50> Because it was too late!
- <51> No, you need to change at Stansted.
- <52> You need to get off at 'Oxford Circus'.
- <53> I'm going to a party.
- <54> My mum was born in Edinburgh and my dad was born in London.

Excuse me, how long does the guided tour of the city last?

Has the ferry arrived yet?

Can you speak Chinese?

Is your friend the boy who wears glasses?

How much is the entrance ticket?

Excuse me, can I speak to Doctor Carter?

Did you enjoy yourselves at the party?

Could you pass me the plate, please?

I heard a noise. What is it?

Can I help you with your suitcase?

Did you use to ride a bike when you were little?

Would you like to go to the beach this weekend?

Excuse me, could you tell me where I can find a car park?

Could you tell me the answer to this equation?

Do you want to pay by credit card?

Would you like a piece of chocolate cake?

What do you think I should do?

How can I find a flat to rent?

What's the weather forecast for tomorrow?

Have you already met Julie?

Why didn't you come to see me?

Is the train to Cambridge a direct service?

What station do I need to get off at?

What are you doing for New Year's Eve?

Where are your parents from?

Would you like to live in this town?

- <55> Yes, it seems a very friendly place.
<56> It's not far, so you can walk there.
<57> Buy her some flowers. She loves them!
<58> A speciality: Shepherd's Pie!
<59> Try it, but I'm not sure you'll like it!
<60> I bought it in a little boutique.
- <61> I think it's perfect!
- <62> I'd be glad to come, but I need to hurry!
- <63> We can ask our teacher for a lift.
<64> Yes, but I love travelling and visiting new places!
<65> Yes, I really loved it, especially during the summer!
- <66> No, I've only done the easy exercises.

- Can I walk or do I need to take a bus?
It's Rita's birthday. What can I buy her?
What has your mum made?
Can I taste this soup?
Where did you buy your bag?
Do you think this dress is OK for the wedding?
If the weather is OK tonight, are you coming to football training?
What shall we do if there is a bus strike tomorrow?
Are you scared of flying?**
- Did you use to like playing outside?**
- Have you done all of your homework for tomorrow?
Sir, where shall we meet for the school trip?**

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