
This activity will help your learners think about the topic being studied and express how they feel about it. They will also get opportunities to refine their thinking and perhaps change their mind when comparing their opinions to those of others. Finally, they will practise how to express their ideas and justify their answers.

preparation

- Prepare statements that you would like your learners to discuss briefly.
- Prepare the classroom so that desks are moved away and place the learners' chairs in a big circle.

procedure

- Get your class to sit in a big circle, away from their desks.
- Let them know that you will read out a few statements, and that they will swap seats every time they agree with a statement.
- Here are examples of statements:
 1. Swap seat if you believe that animals can feel pain.
 2. Swap seats if you've ever seen an animal do something fun or funny.
 3. Swap seats if you're scared of snakes.
 4. Swap seats if you think that humans are responsible for their domestic animals.
 5. Swap seats if you have ever been friends with an animal.
- When they swap seats, learners walk to the middle of the centre and look for a free seat.

- Once learners have swapped seats, ask one of them to say a few words about how the statement relates to them, before calling out the next statement; engaging in a small debate with the class.
- Examples of the questions you could ask your learners:
 1. You swapped seat when I said Can you tell me a bit more about that?
 2. You swapped seats when I said Can you tell me why you agree?
 3. Can you illustrate your opinion with an example?

example

Illustration will be provided at a later date– sorry!