

NEW WORLD

This is a new twist on a classic ESL conversation activity. Its main purpose is to get groups to discuss possibilities and to agree and disagree with each other before coming to a final conclusion, which leaves it open for a good selection of different language that could be pre-taught as a build up to this fun activity.



1. The world is coming to an end and we must start up a new civilization on a new planet. There is a spaceship that can only take 6 people, so, the task is to choose 6 out of the 12 people available, who would be the most suitable to start a new world.

Put the class in groups to discuss their answers. Students must explain why they chose each person and how they can help advance the new world.

It's very important to set the scene well, so the teacher needs to tell the story dramatically to help the students become more immersed in the part the play.

New vocabulary:

- population- populate- over populated- under populated
- reproduction- reproduce
- entertain people
- rebuild
- educate the youth
- produce crops- farm the land
- civil society
- build houses
- maintain law and order
- lead the people
- treat the ill

Profile information

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>NATIONALITY</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>
47	Male	American	Politician
17	Female	Japanese	Model
36	Female	Kenyan	Illiterate (pregnant)
61	Male	Chinese	Farmer
32	Male	English	Engineer
27	Female	Mexican	Teacher
68	Female	German	Doctor
25	Male	Korean	Singer
12	Male	Zimbabwean	Student
14	Female	Spanish	Student
29	Male	Irish	Carpenter
34	Female	Brazilian	Policewoman

2. It is now a few hundred years later and the new world is thriving with over 100,000 people. Now it's time to discuss what the laws and rules will be for the new world. Explain the new language and then have the students answer the discussion questions in their groups.

Political systems:

Democracy Communism Dictatorship Theocracy Monarchy Meritocracy

Languages:

standardized language dialects hybrid

censorship free speech freedom of expression regulations

Industry:

technology finance manufacturing agriculture

State Religion:

Christianity Buddhism Islam Hinduism Judaism Atheism

Discuss the following questions.

1. Which political system will the new world have?

2. What will the official language(s) be?
3. Will there be censorship?
4. What industries will your country try to develop?
5. Will citizens be allowed to carry a gun?
6. Will there be the death penalty?
7. Will there be a state religion?
8. What will the educational system be like? Will there be compulsory education to a certain age?
9. Who will be allowed to marry?

- Have students present their answers to the class.

3. To extend this class, you could have groups debate the decisions they have made for a new society.