

IV. Comprehending Information

Understand simple information about familiar, concrete topics.

Task Listen to a description of a person to identify him or her.

Tool Anecdotal record – labels/sticky notes

- 1. Review target language, in this example, describing people.
- 2. Collect pictures of people Ss may know in the school; e.g., teachers, teaching assistants, volunteers, program assistants, managers, receptionists, etc. Glue the pictures onto cardstock so Ss can't "peek."
- 3. Put Ss into pairs. Distribute cards to pairs.
- 4. Have Ss work in pairs, one S randomly chooses a picture. The S describes the person in the picture to their partner. The partner listens and takes notes of what they hear; e.g., "short brown hair, glasses, round face, short, brown eyes, etc. Based on the description, the partner guesses who the person is.
- 5. Have partners switch roles and try a new picture.



Woman
Straight brown hair
Brown eyes
Glasses
Round face

- 6. Circulate around the room and make notes on labels/sticky notes of Ss' performance:
 - a. Can Ss take notes?
 - b. Can Ss guess who the person is?
 - c. Do Ss use strategies if the speaking is unclear?
- 7. Use this information to revisit problem areas in future classes.

Joy – February 15th, 2015 Struggling with colours. Ask for repetition when not understanding. Isn't taking notes to help remember.