

When is your birthday?

ESL Saying Dates Activity - Listening and Speaking - Elementary (A1-A2) - 20 minutes

In this saying dates activity, students practice asking and answering questions about birthdays. Give each student a card that shows a gift-wrapped present and a label. The students write the date of their birthday on the label. Collect in the cards and then redistribute them so each student has someone else's birthday on a card. The students imagine what is under the gift-wrapping of the present (e.g. a box of chocolates) and write the present on the back of the card. The students' task is to find out who their present is for and to give it to them. To do this, the students walk around the class asking 'When is your birthday?' until they find the person who has the same birthday as the one shown on their card. When a student finds the owner of the card, they give it to them and explain what the present is, e.g. 'I bought you a box of chocolates. I hope you like them'. Afterwards, there is a class feedback session to find out what present each student received and if the students like their presents.

