

Activity Ideas: None of Your Business!

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None of Your Business! has students provide reasons for actions. Because of the number of follow-up questions are limited only in the ability of the class, this serves as a good open activity to incorporate a lot of grammar and vocabulary.

Step One: The teacher writes up to ten questions on the board. These questions should focus on the students and their lives, such as:

- What did you do last weekend?
- What are your plans for this weekend?
- What countries have you visited?

The teacher also writes the following mini-dialogue on the board:

Student A: <asks a question>

Student B: <answers the question>

Student A: Why did you...?

Student B: None of your business! -or- Just because!

Step Two: Students get into pairs. As per the mini-dialogue above, student A asks a question and student B answers it. Follow-up questions with "Why?" are asked again and again, as student B provides answers. It's important that students ask questions with complete sentences, as this will force them to practice key structures.

Step Three: When student B can no longer answer the question, he answers, "Just because!" When he doesn't want to provide an answer, perhaps because it's too personal, then he answers, "None of your business!" The teacher may need to explain these phrases.

Step Four: Pairs switch roles and repeat the activity. Here's an example conversation:

Student A: What did you do last weekend?

Student B: I saw a movie last weekend.

Student A: Why did you see a movie?

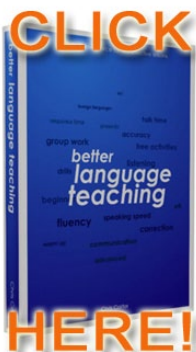
Student B: Because my girlfriend wanted to see the new movie with Brad Pitt.

Student A: Why did she want to see the movie?

Student B: Because she's in love with him.

Student A: Why is she in love with him?

Student B: Just because!



If you liked this idea and want others, then take a look at my ebook, [Better Language Teaching](#). There are **100 activities** with more than **75 variations** for flexible, fun learning.

Have great classes!

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