

Chit chat

Approach: One to one

Level: Year 4 and year 8

Resources: None

Questions/instructions

This activity is called *Chit Chat*. I would like you to tell me all about yourself, the things you like doing, and anything else about you that is interesting.

Let's start by you telling me all about yourself.

Use these prompts if necessary.

Tell me about the things you like doing.

Tell me about you and your friends.

What do you and your friends like doing together?

Remember to show an active interest in what the student is saying, giving nods and verbal encouragement.

Commentary

This task focussed on conversational skills. While the percentage of students showing moderate levels of skills is similar for all attributes, the numbers of year 8 students demonstrating strengths is consistently higher than year 4.

	% responses		
	y4	y8	
Finding things to talk about	strong	28	42
	moderate	52	48
	weak	20	10
Interesting and engaging talk	strong	21	27
	moderate	54	58
	weak	25	15
Using well constructed language	strong	31	42
	moderate	58	54
	weak	11	4
Speech clarity	strong	31	46
	moderate	58	49
	weak	11	5
Overall effectiveness in communicating story	very high	3	7
	quite high	30	39
	moderate	51	47
	low	16	7