

A LEARNER NEEDS QUESTIONNAIRE

Teaching Notes

1. A class of teenage students at a pre-intermediate learner level originally completed this questionnaire. At this level, it does require some encouragement and explanation of the terms used. Eliciting ideas about unfamiliar terms used in the questionnaire helps to reinforce the learner motivation necessary to complete this questionnaire.
2. Asking learners to complete a questionnaire at the beginning of a course encourages many to develop learner independence across the whole range of language areas, although follow-up learner training activities and worksheets will be required to reinforce this important learner attitude.
2. Whilst the individual questionnaires might remain confidential between you and each individual learner, it is a good idea to give feedback to the whole class on this writing exercise. Highlighting and summarising any general patterns of needs helps to inform learners that you, their teacher, have read their questionnaires and you are serious about attempting to meet some, if not most of their learning needs.