



## Present Simple Taboo Questions Game

### Part One: Classify the questions

Give each question below a rank from 1 point (= a normal conversational question, even suitable for asking when you speak to someone for the first time) to 5 points (= completely taboo).

- "Do you buy lottery tickets?"
- "Do you drink alcohol?"
- "Do you gamble?"
- "Do you have any allergies?"
- "Do you have any illnesses?"
- "Do you have any painkillers with you?"
- "Do you pick your nose?"
- "Do you prefer a bath or a shower?"
- "Do you read your star sign?"
- "Do you see a fortune teller?"
- "Do you take any medicine?"
- "Do you wear glasses?"
- "Do you wear pyjamas?"
- "How do you feel about your mother-in-law?"
- "How long do you spend exercising every week?"
- "How many pairs of shoes do you have?"
- "How much do you weigh?"
- "How much money do you earn?"
- "How much money do you spend on going out?"
- "How often do you get drunk?"
- "How often do you take a bath or shower?"
- "How often do you tidy up your house or flat?"
- "What do you think about nuclear power?"
- "Where do you buy underwear?"
- "Where do you come from?"
- "Where do you usually go on holiday?"

### Part Two: Answering questions challenge game

Change groups. Your new partner will ask you a question from their list. Choose how many points you want the question to be. If you can answer the question, you will get that many points. If you don't want to answer the question or can't think of an answer, you can use the phrases in the Useful Language box below, but you won't get any points.

#### Useful language - Politely refusing to answer a question

"I'd rather not answer that (if you don't mind)."

"I'd rather not say (if that's okay)."

"I'm afraid that's (seems) a bit personal."

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**Part Three: Question writing and further speaking practice**

*Make some more Present Simple questions for each of the five categories:*

**5 points = Extremely difficult/ taboo questions**

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\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?

**4 points = Very difficult**

\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?

**3 points = Quite or a little bit difficult**

\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?

**2 points = Quite easy**

\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?

**1 points = Very easy/ an ordinary question**

\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?

*Play the same game as above, but this time with your own questions.*