

Encourage Speaking Using Thumb or Beach Balls

A thumb ball is a soft stuffed ball to throw, roll, or pass in a circle or randomly. Catch it! Look under your thumb. Respond to the prompt. Children, teens, and adults absolutely love this interactive tool that will get people moving, learning, talking, and .sharing



You may use thumb balls as ice breakers, to encourage speaking, dealing with different topics, preparing for the oral exam, assessment, etc.



Beach balls may be used for the same purposes.

Procedure:

1. Teacher throws ball to a student.
2. The student catches the ball and reads the prompt he touches with his right thumb.
3. Student responds to the prompt and throws the ball to another student.
4. Activity repeats itself for 10-15 minutes.

Making a Thumb / Beach ball:

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ltT54xY-7U>
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8bSG02vCLso>

Suggested Topics for Thumb Balls:

Emotions	Personal Strength	Who Am I	Motivation
shy	I can make a difference by..	Favorite song	My goals are...
thoughtful	When I am teased by others I ..	A book I've read	3 things that motivate me
kind	When I am afraid I...	Funniest movie	3 things I'd like to change
jealous	I help encourage others by...	Favorite food	I need to...
worried	I have respect for myself when...	Three wishes	3 benefits of my goal
tired	I am interested in..	Cool gift	The impact of my goal on others..
relieved		The ideal vacation	Try and fail or not try at all?
happy		A healthy habit I practice	
optimistic		A risk I want to take	
angry		Best pet to own	
proud		My dream job	
confident		My favorite dessert	
neutral		Coffee or tea?	

Icebreaking Questions:

- ❖ What are the most important qualities in a friend?
- ❖ What is your favorite sport?
- ❖ Who do you admire and why?
- ❖ What do you like to do on vacation?
- ❖ What language would you love to know?
- ❖ Do you play any instruments?
- ❖ If you could donate a million shekels to any charity, what cause would you choose?
- ❖ Do you have any hidden talents?
- ❖ What school subject is your favorite?
- ❖ What school subject is your least favorite?
- ❖ What are you most excited about this year?
- ❖ What song or album could you listen to on repeat?
- ❖ If you could live in one fictional universe, which one would you choose?
- ❖ Name one cool feature you would add to your dream house.
- ❖ If you could have your own TV show, what would it be about?
- ❖ What is one thing you want older generations to know about teenagers today?
- ❖ What is the best dish you can cook?
- ❖ If you were a teacher, what subject would you teach?
- ❖ If you had a time machine, where in history (past or future) would you travel to?
- ❖ Which season is your favorite?
- ❖ What do you plan to do after school?
- ❖ Where would you like to travel in the world?

- ❖ What is your best study tip?
- ❖ If you were invisible for a day, what would you do?
- ❖ If you could make one rule for everyone in the world to follow, what would it be?
- ❖ Describe yourself in three words. Explain
- ❖ If you could attend any fictional school, which one would you choose?
- ❖ Share a memorable covid-19 period experience
- ❖ If you lived 500 years in the future, what do you think your profession would be?
- ❖ Tell us an embarrassing story
- ❖ How do you waste time most often?
- ❖ What is the best advice you have ever received?
- ❖ What is your goal by the end of the decade?
- ❖ What is the worst piece of advice you have ever received?
- ❖ If you could have an extra hour of free time every day, how would you use it?
- ❖ Are you more productive at night or in the morning? Do you think it's possible to change and get used to another schedule?
- ❖ Who was your favorite teacher when you were young? Why?
- ❖ How would your friends describe you?
- ❖ Would you rather travel back in time to meet your ancestors, or to the future to meet your descendants?
- ❖ What's one thing you want to learn this year (either in school or outside of it)?
- ❖ What's your nickname? Or if you don't have one, what nickname would you create for yourself and why?

Sample Literature Review Questions:

A summer's Reading

- ❖ Why does George go to the park? What does he do there?
- ❖ Name 3 facts about George's family
- ❖ Why does George quit school?
- ❖ How does he spend his days?
- ❖ Describe the setting of the story
- ❖ What is Mr. Cattanzara's role in the story?
- ❖ What does Sophie do when she understands George is lying?
- ❖ What does George do at the end of the story?
- ❖ Why is the story called "A Summer's Reading"?

The Treasure of Lemon Brown

- ❖ Why does Greg go to the abandoned building?
- ❖ What does Lemon Brown reveal to Greg about his past?
- ❖ What is Lemon Brown's treasure? Why does it mean so much to him?
- ❖ What are some of the themes the story deals with?
- ❖ What do we know about Greg Ridley's father?
- ❖ Lemon Brown's name is mentioned in the newspaper clippings because.....

Count That Day Lost

- ❖ What, according to George Eliot, is "a day well spent"?
- ❖ One can count a day "worse than lost" if
- ❖ What is the message of the poem?

❖ How can the message of the poem be applied to our everyday life? Give an example