

Use Unit 3, after classroom activity 3	Activity whole class; mingling
Duration 20–30 mins.	Focus Expressing hopes and plans, e.g. the things I would like to change about my current situation

Preparation

Photocopy and cut up the worksheet. Each student needs a slip of paper with “Explain your problem” on the left and “Offer your advice” on the right.

Procedure

1. Inform students that they are going to do a mingling activity to find solutions to their problems and to offer advice on problems their classmates have.
2. Give each student one slip of paper and invite students to complete the sentence under “Explain your problem” with their own ideas. Tell them they don’t have to write anything in the cell “Offer your advice”; it gives them an expression they can use to offer their advice, and they will have to improvise the actual advice. Of course, they can use the other expressions from the book, too. Check understanding by performing a mini dialogue with a stronger student.
3. Tell students that reacting after receiving advice is important, too. Elicit phrases that you can use to react to advice and collect them on the board, such as *Great idea!* / *I’ll think about it.* / *Sounds interesting.* / *Maybe you’re right.*
4. Allow students about five minutes to come up with a problem and write it down on their slip of paper.
5. Once they are ready, ask students to get up and mingle to share their problem with their classmates and receive their advice. Encourage your students to talk to more than one classmate to see whose advice they like best. After they receive some advice and react to it, it’s their interlocutor’s turn to describe their problem.



<p>Explain your problem: I would like to meet new people because _____ _____.</p>	<p>Offer your advice: Have you thought about ...?</p>
<p>Explain your problem: I'm tired of _____ _____.</p>	<p>Offer your advice: Why don't you try ...?</p>
<p>Explain your problem: I need a relaxing holiday, but I can't afford _____ _____.</p>	<p>Offer your advice: Can you imagine ...?</p>
<p>Explain your problem: I don't mind _____ but _____.</p>	<p>Offer your advice: How about ...?</p>
<p>Explain your problem: I'd like to _____ but I can't stand _____.</p>	<p>Offer your advice: Do you like ...?</p>
<p>Explain your problem: I'm thinking about _____ _____.</p>	<p>Offer your advice: Do you enjoy ...?</p>
<p>Explain your problem: I feel a bit down about _____ _____.</p>	<p>Offer your advice: Are you considering ...?</p>
<p>Explain your problem: I can imagine _____ but _____.</p>	<p>Offer your advice: Maybe you should ...</p>

