

EF2 UNIT 12

This is a repetition of an activity from the English Firsthand 2 Teacher's manual.

It is such a powerful (if somewhat unusual) activity we are repeating it here to expose more teachers to the idea (and to encourage teachers to try it.) Positive voices in your mind.

Preparation: none Procedure: Students write five positive sentences about themselves. You may want to remind them of their many different roles in life (students, friends, sons/ daughters, employees, etc.). Each sentence should be about a different topic and should be something it is OK to say publicly. Variation: You can dictate these "sentence starters." Students finish them any way they want.

- I'm good at .
- I can very well.
- I'm a good .
- My friends know I am .
- I'm an excellen.

After writing the sentences, students work in groups of about five. One person sits in the middle. That person teaches a different one of their sentences to each partner. Partners pay particular attention to matching the intonation. Then the person in the middle closes their eyes. Partners walk around the person, repeating the sentence. Note that they are speaking in the first person ("I'm good at...", not "You're good at...") and that everyone is speaking at the same time. They do this for about a minute. The person in the middle just listens, and enjoys. Then they change partners. (We learned this from Tim Murphey).