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**Name of activity:** "The intercultural interview"

**Type of activity:** Game, warming up, get to know each other, role-play

**Topic:** intercultural awareness, communication

**Material:** Big markers, alarm clock, pen & paper for each student

**Number of learners:** At least 4 students. They have to work in pairs.

**Language level:** A2-C2

**Time:** aprox. 16 min with 4 students

**Goal:** After the activity the students will be more aware about cultural differences and sensitised in the way they talk to each other. They will experience that it's not so easy to think intercultural...

Possible challenges: the students shouldn't be too shy and motivated to talk to each other

**Preparation:** enough tables / chairs and space for the presentation

**Procedure:**

1. At the beginning the students have to change their identity into an interviewer. They will get one big marker, which should be a microphone.
2. The students will have five minutes time to think about the question "How **intercultural** am I?" and they have to write down several (5-10) questions they would ask an expert in that area.
3. After exactly five minutes the first phase must have an end and the first couple should stand in front of the others.
4. Now it's showtime for the students. With the comment: „You are on air now!“ the interviewer has to start with the first question, while using the big marker as a microphone.
5. The interviewed person (the other student) should pretend to be a person (globetrotter/intercultural expert) which knows almost everything about other cultures and should try to reply the questions as correctly and convincing as possible
6. After exactly two minutes the interview role-play must be stopped.
7. In a feedback round the trainer should ask the both role players and than the audience:  
"How was it for you? / What was the challenge? How do you feel about this?"
8. After that, the next couple should start playing their role-play

**Follow up:** The question "How intercultural am I?" can be changed with other questions.

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