

Ice breaker Do Now Activities

1. "Design Your Name"

Give students their name in large letters and have them decorate each letter with something about themselves.

For example:

M — música

A — animales

R — rojo

I — interesante

A — arte

For elementary students, they can draw pictures instead of writing Spanish words.

You can then display the finished products around the room.

Bonus: This gives you instant classroom decoration that is actually connected to your students.

2. "Where in the World?"

Ask: If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Students mark a map or write their destination.

Then you can ask: ¿Adónde quieres viajar?

You could use their responses later to introduce Spanish-speaking countries. It's a nice way to subtly establish that Spanish class is also about exploring the world and different cultures.

3. "What Do We Have in Common?"

Students work in pairs or small groups and have 3–5 minutes to discover things they have in common.

For example:

We both like music.

We both have a brother.

We both like pizza.

We both play sports.

Then each pair shares one thing:

Nos gusta la música.