Speed Dating with Famous People

I used this activity in a 3rd-quarter, first year Spanish class and the students really enjoyed it. It took up the entire 50 minute class. Here’s how I organized the activity; I hope you have fun with it too:

Step 1: I gave each student a description of a famous person from the internet and gave them a few minutes to read it. I gave them the description in English so that they could not rely on the description while they spoke to their partner in Spanish. Alternatively, I find the descriptions in Spanish and assign each student their celebrity and ask them to read the description at home before doing the activity in class, or I could give them time in class to read the descriptions.

Step 2: I let each couple speak for 3 minutes (you can assign more or less time depending on the number of students you have). The topics that I asked them to talk about were themes that they were learning that quarter; however, I also recycled some topics from the previous quarters. I asked the females to form a line and each male to find a female partner. When the 3 minute buzzer went off, the female at the head of the line switched to the back so that there were new couples.

Step 3: After each couple spoke and became acquainted with each other, I asked the students to find their ideal date and organize a romantic night out and include details such as what they wore, where they dined, what they ordered, etc. After the couples organized the date, the class regrouped and I selected a few couples to share the details of their hot date.

Below is the handout I passed out to the students.
Citas de velocidad con gente famosa

You are a famous Latino who recently broke-up with your partner; your friend recommended to you that you try speed dating to help you get your groove back. Luckily, there is a speed dating agency that specializes in uniting famous Latin@ celebrities (even dead ones!) so you decide to give it a try.

Les voy a dar 3 minutos para platicar con cada persona. Tienes que hacerle preguntas a la persona sobre su vida y también le tienes que describir los hechos interesantes de tu vida.

Temas posibles...

Pueden describir sus personalidades (372) y sus apariencias físicas

Sus gustos y disgustos

El tipo de ropa que te gusta llevar (418-422)

Pueden describir sus logros (achievements)

Lo que te gusta hacer durante el tiempo libre

Pueden describir las características que buscas en un novio / novia

¡¡¡¡¡SEAN CREATIVOS!!!!

¡Tomen apuntes aquí porque al final tienen que escoger un compañero y organizar una cita!

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