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*Classroom Conversation Exercise A*

1. Ask students to work in pairs and describe how they practiced English since the last class. Offer examples (I went to my son’s school and talked with his teacher; I went to church and listened to a sermon in English). Let students know that if they did not practice or practiced very little that they can explain how they plan to practice this week.
2. Have each student provide an oral report back on what they heard from their partner.
3. Ask the person being reported back on if there is anything from their partner’s report that they wish to correct or if there is anything else they wish to add. Initiate a round applause after each pair reports.
4. Teacher asks additional questions the whole class ( What ideas did you get from other students? What stops people from practicing English outside of this classroom?)

Classroom Conversation Exercise B

Walk around activity: Facilitate the Birthday Game from Zero Prep. Have students stand up in the middle of the room, walk around, and find out their classmates day and month of birth (not year). Have students figure out among themselves how to line up in chronological order from January 1st through December 31st. When students are all standing in place, have each person share their birthday. Teacher jots down each student’s birthday on the board. Ask questions related to the topic (who just had a birthday? Who has a birthday coming up very soon? Who was born in the fall/winter/summer/spring?)