



## ASEAN Business English

Online English Language Training

Yes / No / Laugh

**Level:** Any

**Timing:** 15 mins

**Resources:** Whiteboard

**Language:** Question forms & short answers

**Plan:** Write the words **yes**, **no** and **laugh** on the whiteboard. Then cross them all out, as below. Make a score table on the right for winners and losers.

~~yes~~

~~no~~

~~laugh~~

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Put a chair under the whiteboard and explain that you are going to sit in the chair for 1 minute. During that time, the trainees' job is to ask questions to make you use the words **yes**, **no** or to make you **laugh**.

Your job is to answer the questions without using the forbidden words. Smiling is allowed, but not laughing!

**Example:**

Trainees: Are you OK?

Trainer: I am

Trainees: Do you like Thailand?

Trainer: Sure! I like it a lot!

Trainees: Can you swim?

Trainer: A little

Trainees: Do you have a car?

Trainer: I don't

Trainees: No car?

Trainer: No. Aaargh! I lose (write your name under the sad face)

If you survive one minute, write your name under the happy face.

In turn, each trainee sits in "the chair" and tries to survive for one minute without saying the forbidden words.

**Alternative / Extension Activities:**

For higher groups, the time limit could be increased to 2 minutes, or until they say a forbidden word.

**Comments:** This game works very well with confident and imaginative groups. You may need to prompt other groups by first getting each trainee to write a list of 10 yes/no questions.