



JOTA-JOTI AUSTRALIA

Activity Description



Activity Type	Pre JOTA JOTI
Name of Activity	Make your own Cheat Sheet
Estimated Duration	10-15 mins
Age Range	8-10,11-14+

Introduction Talking on the radio, or chatting online with unknown people can be daunting, particularly for first timers. It may help to have a proforma list of questions ready to use.

Principles of the Activity Use some of the suggested questions below to create your own list of conversation starters. Open ended questions, ie questions that must be answered with a sentence, are the best type to use to promote conversation. For best results prepare suitable questions ahead of JOTA/JOTI and practice using them.

Hints & tips

- JOTA can be very boring if everyone has the same list of questions, so please encourage each person to develop their own set of questions. Ten or twelve well -thought -out questions is enough.
- Ask questions for which the answers will reflect well on Scouts and Guides. Prefer “Have you been to camp recently?” to “Do you have a boyfriend?”
- Encourage Scouts/Guides to respond to the answers and ask further questions on the same topic, rather than having them just go through their list of questions

Sample questions **General**

- What is your name and can you spell it phonetically?
- Where are you operating from?
- What is the name of the city/town/country you live in?
- How big is the place where you live?
- What’s the weather like where you are?
- What time is it where you are?
- Are there other activities for you to do during

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JOTA/JOTI besides talking on the radio/chatting on ScoutLink?

- Have you participated in JOTA/JOTI before?

Scouting/Guiding

- How long have you been in Scouts/Guides?
- Where does your unit meet? In a church? In a school? Somewhere else?
- How many Scouts/Guides are in you group/unit?
- Tell me about something that you have recently enjoyed at scouts/guides.
- Tell me about the best/last camp you have attended.
- Tell me about the best event you have participated in with scouts/guides
- What is the last badge that you ever received and what did you have to do to achieve it?
- Can you tell me about a service project your unit has done?

Non Scouting/Guiding

- What do you do when you are not at scouts/guides?
- What sports do you play? Are you on a team? How long have you played?
- Tell me about your pets
- Tell me about your family

Options

Make a poster in large letters so that the Scouts/Guides who can read can access it while they are speaking, or, better yet, put each question on a file card in large letters for easy reading. For non-readers, some picture clues could do the trick!

Equipment

Pen/pencils and paper

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