

Country Cards

Cut apart · one card per student · "Where are you from? I am from ____."



Ecuador
Ecuador

Where are you from?

I am from Ecuador.



the United States
Estados Unidos

Where are you from?

I am from the United States.



Mexico
México

Where are you from?

I am from Mexico.



Spain
España

Where are you from?

I am from Spain.



Brazil
Brasil

Where are you from?

I am from Brazil.



Argentina
Argentina

Where are you from?

I am from Argentina.



Colombia
Colombia

Where are you from?

I am from Colombia.



Peru
Perú

Where are you from?

I am from Peru.



Japan
Japón

Where are you from?

I am from Japan.



China
China

Where are you from?

I am from China.



Germany
Alemania

Where are you from?

I am from Germany.



France
Francia

Where are you from?

I am from France.



Belgium
Belgica

Where are you from?

I am from Belgium.

😊 Feelings Cards

Cut apart · use for Charades and Hot Potato · "How are you? I'm ____."

 happy feliz How are you? I'm happy. How are you?	 sad triste How are you? I'm sad.	 angry enojado/a How are you? I'm angry.	 tired cansado/a How are you? I'm tired. How are you?
 scared asustado/a How are you? I'm scared.	 excited emocionado/a How are you? I'm excited. How are you?	 hungry hambriento/a How are you? I'm hungry. How are you?	 surprised sorprendido/a How are you? I'm surprised.
 curious curioso/a How are you? I'm curious.	 sick enfermo/a How are you? I'm sick.	 worried preocupado/a How are you? I'm worried.	 fine bien How are you? I'm fine, thank you. How are you?

📌 Nota cultural para los estudiantes

Cuando alguien te pregunta **"How are you?"** en inglés, la respuesta más común — casi automática — es **"I'm fine, thank you"** ("Estoy bien, gracias"), incluso si la persona no se siente realmente bien. No es que estén mintiendo: esta pregunta funciona muchas veces como un saludo social, no como una invitación a contar en detalle cómo uno se siente de verdad.

Es buena idea usar esta respuesta estándar con desconocidos, en el trabajo, en una tienda, o en cualquier conversación breve y cotidiana. Si hablas con alguien de mucha confianza — familia o amigos cercanos — y de verdad quieres compartir cómo te sientes, puedes responder con más detalle ("Estoy un poco cansado hoy"). Aun así, muchos angloparlantes dirán "fine" primero, casi por costumbre, antes de explicar más.

Ecuador Nature Cards — Part 1

Cut apart · sort into "Ecuador has" / "Ecuador doesn't have" piles



the Andes Mountains



the Amazon rainforest



Galápagos tortoises



the condor



llamas



volcanoes



cacao (chocolate)



bananas

Ecuador Nature Cards — Part 2

Cut apart · sort into "Ecuador has" / "Ecuador doesn't have" piles



kangaroos



pandas



camels



the Eiffel Tower



polar bears



lions



the Statue of Liberty



reindeer

Plants & Fruits Cards

Cut apart · "What is this? This is a/an ____."



plantain
plátano

What is this?

This is a plantain.



banana
guineo / banano

What is this?

This is a banana.



cacao pod
cacao

What is this?

This is a cacao pod.



maracuyá
passion fruit

What is this?

This is a maracuyá.



yuca
cassava

What is this?

This is a yuca.



naranjilla
tanga Andean fruit (say it in Spanish)

What is this?

This is a naranjilla.



mora
Andean blackberry

What is this?

This is a mora, or blackberry.



potato
papa

What is this?

This is a potato.



corn
choclo / maíz

What is this?

This is corn.



babaco
fruit native to Ecuador (say it in Spanish)

What is this?

This is a babaco.



Foods & Dishes Cards

Cut apart · "What is this? This is a/an ____."



ceviche

cold seafood dish with lime

What is this?

This is ceviche.



tigrillo

mashed plantain, cheese & egg

What is this?

This is tigrillo.



encebollado

fish & yuca soup, pickled onion

What is this?

This is encebollado.



bolón de verde

fried plantain ball with cheese (say it in Spanish)

What is this?

This is el bolón de verde.



fritada

fried pork with hominy (say it in Spanish)

What is this?

This is fritada.



locro de papa

potato & cheese soup (say it in Spanish)

What is this?

This is locro de papa.



hornado

roasted whole pig

What is this?

This is hornado.



humita

steamed corn dough in husk (say it in Spanish)

What is this?

This is a humita.

Age Cards

Cut apart · "How old are you? I am ____ years old."

5

five
cinco

 How old are you?

 I am five years old.

6

six
seis

 How old are you?

 I am six years old.

7

seven
siete

 How old are you?

 I am seven years old.

8

eight
ocho

 How old are you?

 I am eight years old.

9

nine
nueve

 How old are you?

 I am nine years old.

10

ten
diez

 How old are you?

 I am ten years old.

11

eleven
once

 How old are you?

 I am eleven years old.

12

twelve
doce

 How old are you?

 I am twelve years old.

20

twenty
veinte

 How old are you?

 I am twenty years old.

30

thirty
treinta

 How old are you?

 I am thirty years old.

40

forty
cuarenta

 How old are you?

 I am forty years old.

50

fifty
cincuenta

 How old are you?

 I am fifty years old.

👋 Name Cards

Cut apart · listening activity – teacher says a name, students find the matching card



María



Jacob



Sofía



Pablo



Ana



Mateo



Valentina



Luis



Yuki



Wei



Lukas



Chloé



Emma

New Friend Passport

Cut in half · one passport per student · fill in as you interview classmates

MY PASSPORT · MI PASAPORTE



My name is...



I am from...



Today I feel...



Ecuador has...

NEW FRIENDS I MET

Name	Country	Feeling

MY PASSPORT · MI PASAPORTE



My name is...



I am from...



Today I feel...



Ecuador has...

NEW FRIENDS I MET

Name	Country	Feeling



Teacher Answer Key & Notes

Keep this page for yourself – not for students

Country Hunt: Give each student one country card (repeat cards for larger classes). Students mingle asking "Where are you from?" until they find their "country twin," or collect signatures from classmates with different countries on the back of their card.

"Fine" card: This is the odd one out – the answer is "I'm fine, thank you." Esta es la respuesta típica y educada en inglés. Cuando alguien pregunta "How are you?", esta es la forma más común y cortés de responder – y después, ¡la persona debe preguntar de vuelta: "How are you?"!

Ecuador Nature Cards: Use for the sorting game (digital version also available). Students say the full sentence out loud – "Ecuador has llamas" / "Ecuador doesn't have kangaroos" – before placing the card in a pile. Correct the "doesn't have" items gently; several are common misconceptions worth discussing (e.g., camels, kangaroos, polar bears are not found in Ecuador).

New Friend Passport: Students fill in their own info first, then interview 2–3 classmates for the "New Friends I Met" table, using all three question sets from the day in one natural conversation. Close by having a few volunteers introduce a friend to the class: "This is _____. She is from _____. Ecuador has _____."

Plants & Fruits / Foods & Dishes Cards: Use for "What is this?" practice – hold up a card, students answer "This is a/an _____." Articles are already built into each answer, so there's no need to explain the a/an rule; just model the full sentence. A few dish names (ceviche, tigrillo, encebollado, fritada, loco de papa, hornado) are said without an article, the way English speakers say "This is sushi" or "This is pizza" – that's intentional and doesn't need to be taught either.

Age Cards: Use for "How old are you?" practice – hold up a card, students answer "I am _____ years old." A digital version with audio is also available.

Name Cards (listening activity): These pair with the digital "What's Your Name?" listening game, where students hear a two-line exchange ("What's your name?" / "My name is _____.") in two different pitches and pick the name they heard from written choices. For a physical version: say a name aloud yourself (or play the digital audio on a speaker), and have students race to find and hold up the matching card. Each name is tied to one of the countries from the Country Cards – a nice moment to connect "María is from Ecuador" back to the Country Hunt.

Ecuador Nature Cards — Answer Key

HAS: 🏔️ Andes Mountains • 🌳 Amazon rainforest • 🐢 Galápagos tortoises • 🦅 condor • 🐫 llamas • 🌋 volcanoes • 🍫 cacao (chocolate) • 🍌 bananas

DOESN'T HAVE: 🦘 kangaroos • 🐼 pandas • 🐪 camels • 🗼 Eiffel Tower • 🐻 polar bears • 🦁 lions • 🗽 Statue of Liberty • 🦌 reindeer