

Category: **Speaking / Listening**
Name: **Mutual Dictation**
Level: **1 (easiest)**
number of students: **2**
organization: **pairs**
Length: **5 - 10 minutes**
Materials/Preparation: **A & B print per pair**

Procedure:

Organize students into pairs. They should face each other and some "wall" should be placed between them. A bag or a book should do.

Inform students that the purpose of this exercise is to practice speaking and listening. The task is to reconstruct the text. They are to take turns reading and writing the text. To aid in writing there is a line for each missing letter (if it prints correctly).

When students finish, they should compare their papers. When most students have finished or your time limit is up, you may want to read / play the tape for students to check their work.

Note: This is a very "safe" speaking activity. Students don't have to worry about "getting it right" except for pronunciation!

I got this idea from Mario Rinovoluceri's Dictation book, published by Cambridge.

Student A

Caecilius est in foro. _____

_____. Hermogenes ad forum

venit. _____.

mercator Caecilium salutatur.

" _____," _____

_____. "ego sum mercator probus. _____

_____."

"cur tu pecuniam quaeris?" inquit

Caecilius.

" _____," _____.

"sed navis non adest; navis est in

Graecia. _____ . ego semper
pecuniam reddo."" _____!" _____ . "ego ceram
habeo. _____ ?"

"ego anulum habeo," respondet Hermogenes.

" _____ . ecce! ego signum in
cera imprimo."

_____ . mercator

pecuniam capit et e foro currit.

_____! _____ . mercator

pecuniam non reddit. _____

_____ .

Student B

_____. Caecilius in foro
argentariam habet. _____
_____. Hermogenes est mercator Graecus.

"ego sum mercator Graecus," inquit
Hermogenes. "_____ ego
pecuniam quaero."

"_____?" _____
_____.

"ego navem habeo," respondet Hermogenes.

"_____;
_____. ego tamen sum probus. _____
_____."

"ecce!" inquit Caecilius. "_____
_____. tu anulum habes?"

"_____,"
"anulus signum habet. _____!
_____."

Caecilius pecuniam tradit. _____
_____.

eheu! Hermogenes non revenit. _____
_____. Caecilius Hermogenem
ad basilicam vocat.