**This or That**

'This or That' is a simple talking game in which players choose which of two items they prefer.

**Best for**: A small group, maybe even only two players.

**How to play**: Players take turns asking and answering questions in the form of “this or that?” Examples:

* Mountains or beach?
* Digital watch or analog?

Players ask these short questions, and then indicate their preference with a short explanation. It’s easy, simple, and a great way for students to get to know each other while practicing spoken English. It’s fun to compare likes and dislikes, too. “What?? Cake? I’m totally a chocolate person.”

**Variation:** Another, more advanced way to play is the following…

**Would You Rather**

This is a hypothetical talking game where players choose which of two scenarios they’d rather do. It's good for any number of players. It’s a great two-player game.

**How to play**: Players take turns asking each other questions starting with “Would you rather…” and ending with two different scenarios. Again, they have to explain their choice. For example, “Would you rather have to wear ski goggles for the rest of your life…

…or have to wear a Haman mask?”

As demonstrated, the questions are usually a little wacky/silly/absurd.

Some other examples of 'would you rather' questions:

* Would you rather eat only bread or eat everything but never bread?
* Would you rather live on an airplane or on a ship?
* Would you rather have a candy store or a toy store?

The questions can be thoughtful, silly, or completely hypothetical. It’s fun for players to think up their own questions, too.

Once someone asks a question, everyone else must answer the question. Then another player gets to ask a question.

**Another variation** for a large group is to have one player draw a question and answer it alone. Then another player draws another question and answers it for themselves, and so on. This could work well if you have so many people that it’s hard to have everyone answer each question.

**Ideas for 'This or That'**

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| **Easier** | **Harder** |
| Winter or summer | Staying in or going out |
| Day or night | Fish or a bird as a pet |
| Spaghetti or pizza | Sweet or spicy |
| Apple or an orange | Fruits or vegetables |
| Math or history | Spring or fall |
| Reading or writing | Morning person or night person |
| Succot or Pesach | Grass or sidewalk |
| Sandwich or salad | Fish or chicken (to eat) |
| Short hair or long hair | Blinds (trissim) or curtains |
| Sun or rain | Fake flowers or real |
| Red or blue | \*\*Hot drinks or cold |
| Cookies or cake | Upstairs or downstairs |
| Bus or car | A porch or a garden |
| Walk or run | Silver or gold |
| Dancing or singing | Weekday clothes or fancy clothes |
| Hamburgers or hotdogs | Beach or mountains |
| Sitting or standing | Kitchen or dining room |
| Candy or toy | Digital watch or analog |

**Ideas for** **'Would You Rather'**

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| Learn a new talent or perfect one you already have? |
| Cook or bake? |
| Take a picture or be in a picture? |
| Wake up late or go to bed late? |
| Sing everything instead of talking? |
| As a bird, be free in the forest or safe in a cage? |
| Live on an airplane or on a ship? |
| Be very good at one thing or okay in many things? |
| Have too much air conditioning or too much heat? |
| Run everywhere or dance everywhere? |
| Have a candy store or a toy store? |
| Be very tall or very short? |
| Stay awake for 24 hours or stay in bed for a whole day? |
| Have a big house and have to clean it, or a small house that is always clean? |
| Have one close friend or a lot of casual friends? |
| (For girls) Have a lot of weekday clothes and a few dressy outfits or some weekday clothes and a lot of dressy outfits? |
| (For girls) Have a lot of simple jewelry or a few expensive pieces of jewelry? |
| Do homework or help someone? |
| Wear ski goggles for the rest of your life or have to wear a Haman mask? |
| Work in an office or work outdoors? |
| Eat only bread or eat everything but never bread? |
|  Be able to speak perfect English or be able to talk to animals? |
|  Set the table or clean it off |
|  See the future or change the past |
|  Have year round school or a ten-hour school day |
|  Swallow unpleasant medicine or get a shot |
|  Have a hot drink on a cold day or a cold drink on a hot day |