

## Activity 2: Household Objects

This activity gets the homestay family familiar with household vocabulary.

1. **Vanishing Circle** - Everyone can join in this one!

Choose about 5 of the flashcards provided

2. Put the objects or flashcards on the floor in a circle with everyone sitting around.
3. Point to each one in order around the circle, say the name of it, and your host can repeat.  
Do this a couple of times.

4. Keep pointing at each object/flashcard, but this time, take something away.  
Point to the empty space. Everyone has to remember what was there and say the word.

5. Do it faster. Take things away one by one.

Soon, everything has disappeared and you're only pointing to empty spaces.

Hey presto, you've just taught some English words they'll probably remember for ever.

Now, they can use these words in the next task....

6. Offer them one of the flashcards

Say: 'Would you like .....

Continue with more objects/flashcards.

Encourage host to repeat 'Would you like .....

Offer more objects/flashcards, encourage host to offer them back.

7. Next, ask for them back – 'Can I have a mosquito coil?' until you get them all back.  
Then give them all the objects/flashcards and they can offer them to you.

8. **Circle of Offering**

Motion for everyone to stand in a circle and pass or throw the objects/flashcards to each other (in order or randomly) saying 'would you like .....

## Suggestions for Further Teaching

- Instead of flashcards use objects in the house. For example, you could take a group of items from the kitchen to teach the vocabulary of things used at meal times.
- To follow on from household objects, lead the homestay family through the house and introduce the names of specific rooms. E.g., bathroom, kitchen, toilet, bedroom. Practice the vocabulary 'this is the \_\_\_\_\_'.