Initial questions to clarify with an English native speaker - ideally orally



About their background

- Who is of English mother tongue? your father / your mother / both / neither
- What language(s) do you speak at home and how often?
- Have you ever gone to an English-speaking or international school? Where and when?
- Have you had extra English lessons besides school? If so, for how many year /how many hours a week?
- How many books have you approximately read in English so far?

Their aims and preferences for the English lessons

What would you like to do during the English lessons?

collect all the ideas of the child first

Would you like to:

- just take it easy and "shine"
- improve your own language level, and if so, in which areas (e.g. spelling, grammar, vocabulary)
- read books and write something in connection with the books
- write a lot
- partly work on your German
- do research on a topic connected to the topic of the course book unit, write a text about it or create a poster to give a presentation in front of the whole class
- create material for the class, i.e. a word search, Kahoot or a crossword for the vocabulary of the unit
- read out the texts in the coursebook to the class (e.g. the listening passage more slowly)
- for the listening and reading passages in the coursebook, write questions or true and false statements for your classmates or for the other native speakers
- function as helpers for weaker learners
- be a class assistant who takes over a group of learners for an activity, a game etc.
- When you get your own things to do, do you prefer to go to a separate room or stay in the classroom?

What would your parents like you to do in English?

How should we deal with the situation when I make a mistake in front of the class?

- It's fine to correct me / I prefer you come to me after class and tell me

Language variety:

- What language variety do you speak? (British, American, Australian etc.)
- You can spell the American way, but then, you have to stick to it.