

Getting-to-Know-You Activities

• Find Someone Who

Students will

- learn new things about their classmates
- talk with students they don't usually talk to
- have fun

Materials Needed

- Copies of Activity Sheet #2 for all students

Tell students that they are going to play a game to find out things they might not know about each other. You will give them a few minutes to fill out as much of a survey sheet as they can. When they hear a signal from you, they are to "freeze" in their places.

Distribute the handout. Explain that students are to walk around the room and find people who have the characteristics described on the sheet. If they can't find someone to match the description, that's fine. They can go on to the next item. When they find someone, they write the person's name in the blank provided. They should also ask the person for more information. For example, if they find someone who plays a musical instrument, they should ask, What instrument? Ask them to find as many different people as possible. They must find a different person for each item.

Begin the game. Continue until at least several students have completed the activity sheet. This will probably take about five minutes. Move around the room and check for students who may be having trouble with the task.

Ask students to return to their seats (or the rug) and sit down. If a student got all of the items (or came close), ask that student to go over each item and say who they found and what they learned. For example, Sarah plays a musical instrument, and the instrument she plays is the flute. After each item, you might ask who else in the class the item applies to. For example, Does anyone else in the class play an instrument? If so, what do you play?

Discuss the process: What did you notice about yourself and others during this game? Did you learn anything new about someone? If you were making up questions for this worksheet, what are some things you'd like to ask? ~

Activity Sheet #2

Find Someone Who

Student's Name: _____ Class _____ Date _____

Find someone who

- is wearing the same color as you. _____
- has an older brother or sister at home. _____
- is wearing jewelry. _____
- plays a musical instrument. _____
- has visited another state. _____
- has a pet. _____
- has a birthday the same month as you. _____
- speaks two languages. _____
- is the oldest in his or her family. _____
- saw the same movie as you did recently. _____