

Circle mayhem

Aim: To mix up the circle and include everyone. To encourage good eye contact.

Skills: Concentrating, looking, cooperating

Age: 5-11 and beyond

- This is a silent game in which participants try to make eye contact with someone across the circle.
- Once they have eye contact, they nod to each other to seal the agreement before moving across the circle silently to swap seats.
- Everyone does this at the same time. Let it run until the circle is well mixed.

Variation: Choose pupils at random to do this one at a time e.g. "Abdul, I would like you to look at someone across the circle. When you are looking at each other, nod, and then change seats." After a few goes you might ask three or four children to do this at the same time.

Rules: Must be played in silence; Encourage learners to make adventurous choices; Make sure you both nod to agree to swap seats.

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