

3 The sun shines on you

Aim: To mix up the class and to find out more about each other.

Skills: Concentrating, listening, participating, thinking, creativity

Age: 5-11 and beyond

- A chair is removed from the circle and you stand in the middle.
- Say "the sun shines on you if..." and complete the sentence with something that is true about

you (e.g. "the sun shines on you if you have ...a pet..., like ice cream..., play football).

- People in the circle stand up if the statement is also true about them and change seats with others who are standing. The person left in the middle, then makes the next statement "The sun shines on you if..."
- If no one moves after a statement, the person is celebrated as being unique in that way.

Variation: The facilitator remains in the middle and chooses the statements. You might say "change seats if ...". The statements can move from easy choices around likes and dislikes for example, to statements about how pupils feel about topics under discussion.

Rules: The statement must be true about you; You cannot return to the chair you have just left; Move across the circle safely.

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