

Snowball Fight

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Learning Intentions

I can share facts about myself to help others get to know me:

This encourages students to reflect on their own lives and share personal information with others in a fun and interactive way.

I can practice my observation and deduction skills:

This helps students use clues to figure out which classmate wrote a fact about themselves, promoting critical thinking and problem-solving.

I can participate in a group activity that involves teamwork and communication:

This fosters social interaction, collaboration, and communication among students.



Success Criteria

Sharing Three Interesting Facts About Myself:

Students can share three interesting facts about themselves, ensuring they participate by thinking about facts they feel comfortable sharing with the group.

Using Observation Skills to Guess:

Students can use their observation skills to guess who wrote the facts, encouraging careful listening, reading, and deduction to identify the correct person.

Introducing and Sharing Information Respectfully:

Students can introduce and share information about their classmates in a respectful way, promoting positive social interactions and reinforcing inclusivity.



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Objective: To promote social connection and self-awareness by sharing facts about oneself and practising skills of observation and communication in a fun and engaging way.

Players: Ideal for groups of 6-30 students.

Materials:

- Blank pieces of paper
- Pens or pencils

Time Required: 5 - 10 minutes

Setup: Give each student a piece of blank paper and a pen or pencil. Ask them to write down three facts about themselves (these could be anything from favourite hobbies to interesting personal facts). Once they have written their facts, instruct them to crumple the paper into a ball (the "snowball").

Activity:

1. **Write Facts About Yourself:** Have each student write three facts about themselves on a piece of paper. Encourage them to think of fun or interesting facts that others might not know.
2. **Create the Snowballs:** Once the facts are written, students will crumple their papers into "snowballs."
3. **Start the Snowball Fight:** When you say "go," students will throw their snowballs around the room for 1 minute. Encourage them to throw them in all directions. If you are worried about your students throwing them at each other, create some targets around the room, on the walls and roof, each time a student hits a target they gain a point. The point scoring doesn't actually come into this game but it will act as a deterrent to throwing the snow balls at each other.
4. **Pick a Snowball and Guess:** After 1 minute, students will stop throwing and pick up the snowball closest to them. They will then read the facts on the paper and try to guess which classmate wrote them. They have three guesses to figure it out.
5. **Introduce a Classmate (Optional):** For a different variation, students can write their name on the paper, and once they pick up a snowball, they will introduce the student who wrote the facts to the rest of the class. This encourages public speaking and helps everyone get to know each other better.

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Reflection Prompt:

- What was challenging about trying to guess who wrote each fact?
- How did you feel sharing facts about yourself with the group?
- What did you learn about your classmates through this activity?

Winning the Game: There is no winner in this activity. The goal is to promote fun, interaction, and learning more about each other in a playful setting.

Additional Notes: Snowball 'Fight' is a fun and engaging icebreaker that encourages students to share personal details in a light-hearted way while promoting communication, observation, and team-building. It's a great activity to help students get to know each other and build a sense of community in the classroom.