

Name Game

Materials

- ☐ List of different/silly names (one new name per student)

Instructions

Have students sit in a circle, either on the floor or in chairs. Demonstrate the rhythm they will be using during the game as they slap knees with hands twice, clap hands twice, and snap fingers on the right hand then the left (slap, slap, clap, clap, snap, snap).

During the game everyone must keep the rhythm going. Choose a student to start the round by saying his own name and then someone else's on the finger snaps. For example: slap, slap, clap, clap, John, Mary. On the next set of finger snaps, it is Mary's turn to say her own name and someone else's. Slap, slap, clap, clap, Mary, Becky. Then it will be Becky's turn, and so on. When someone misses either by messing up the rhythm or the names, start another round beginning with the person who missed.

Play a few rounds then stop the game. Assign each student a different/silly name from the list you made then play the game again, using the new names. This will most likely be difficult. After a few attempts, stop the game and continue with the lesson.