

Look For Similarities and Discover Differences!

Age:	9-10 years old
Time:	20 minutes
Location:	Indoors/Outdoors
Group Size:	15-20
Activity Level:	Calm
Materials:	Questionnaire (see back of activity sheet), paper and pencils
Principal Value:	Respect for diversity
Other Values:	Acceptance, respect



References

For help animating this activity, please consult the following reference sheets:

- 06 – The Toolkit Values
- 13 – Selecting and Facilitating Activities
- 14 to 17 – Group Discussion

Purpose of the Activity

To experience discovering similarities and differences and to think about:

- Things we have in common even if we seem different
- How we are different, but equal
- Why it is important to respect differences

Rights and Responsibilities

Right to non-discrimination (Article 2); right to your own language and culture (Article 30)

For all of us to enjoy these rights, we need to:

- Accept others
- Respect differences

Object of the Game

For the children to find out what the members of our group have in common and to discover how we are different.

How to Play

1. On a large piece of paper, write the statements from the questionnaire on the back of this activity sheet.
2. Distribute paper and pencils and ask everyone to think about and complete the statements, and to write their answers on a piece of paper.
3. The children then circulate and try to find other children who have the same 5 answers to the statements. When they find someone with the same answers, they form a team and continue to circulate looking for others with the same 5 answers. If the children cannot find anyone with the same 5 answers, they try to find someone with 4 similar answers to form a team. If they still cannot find anyone, they look for someone with 3 similar answers and then 2.

4. Children who do not share any similar answers with any of the other children are declared unique in the group.
5. You can repeat the game by changing the statements.

Group Discussion

After the game, have the children reflect on the experience. You can use these questions as a guide:

Feel



- Did you enjoy this game? Why? Why not?
- Who found someone with the same 5 answers? With 4? With 3? With 2? Who had no answers in common with anyone? How did it feel?

Think



- Did you discover new things about your friends that you did not know before?
- Do you think that this group is diverse? Why?

Act



- If we are all different, how are we able to play together?
- Why is it important to respect all the differences in our group?
- How can we make sure that we treat one another as equals?

Questionnaire

Complete the following statements and then try to find someone who has the same answers as you. If you cannot find anyone who has the same 5 answers, look for someone who has the same 4, 3, or 2 answers.

I was born in (name the country) _____

I am allergic to _____

I am afraid of _____

My favourite music is _____

My favourite game is _____



You can download other games from the following website:

<http://www.equitas.org/toolkit/>