

# Activities

## For the First Week of School . . . and Beyond

### Find Someone Who . . .

This game is a wonderful ice breaker for the first day of school. It's like a socially interactive scavenger hunt which allows students to get to know each other. You'll be amazed by the buzz of excitement that this activity generates and by the interesting conversations which take place when reviewing the winner's category sheet.

- Copy the "Find Someone Who..." form on page 19.
- Give students fifteen minutes to find classmates who fit the listed categories, without listing the same person for more than two categories. When fifteen minutes are up, have the students add up the total number of categories they completed and write the total at the top of the page.
- Ask everyone to stand. Then start counting up to 25. Students should sit when you say the number which matches their total. The last standing student is the winner.
- Take the winner's sheet and review it with the class. Talk to each of the students whose name is listed under each category. Verify that they fit the given category. If they do not, deduct one point from the total. Continue until the winner is established.
- Decide on some small prize for the winner to receive, such as a book, a free computer pass, lunch with the teacher, etc.

| Name:  | Date:  | Total: |
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| <b>Find Someone Who . . .</b>  |  |        |
| Find someone in the class who fits each of the following categories. Record their name. You cannot use the same person more than twice. Circle the number of each category you've completed. |  |        |
| 1. Can name the 5 Great Lakes. NAME _____<br>(Last three)  | 15. Has performed in a play before. NAME _____<br>(What was the name of the play?) |        |
| 2. Loves to read. NAME _____<br>(What kind of books?)  | 16. Likes to write stories. NAME _____<br>(What state?)                            |        |
| 3. Has a younger brother. NAME _____<br>(Brother's name?)  | 17. Has lived in another state before. NAME _____<br>(Which state?)                |        |
| 4. Has two other sisters. NAME _____<br>(What are their names?)  | 18. Has seen a (the) lion dance before. NAME _____<br>(What did they make?)        |        |
| 5. Enjoys gardening. NAME _____  | 19. Knows what a (the) census is. (What is it?) NAME _____                         |        |
| 6. Has tried aquatics. NAME _____  | 20. Has made dinner for the family. NAME _____                                     |        |
| 7. Can speak several words of a foreign language. NAME _____<br>(What language?)   | 21. Knows the name of the Vice President. NAME _____<br>(What is it?)              |        |
| 8. Has brown eyes. NAME _____  | 22. Knows the name of your state's governor. NAME _____<br>(What is it?)           |        |
| 9. Likes to use the computer. NAME _____   | 23. Knows the name of the capital of Vermont. NAME _____<br>(What is it?)          |        |
| 10. Can play a musical instrument. NAME _____<br>(What instrument?)  | 24. Knows the name of the capital of Vermont. NAME _____<br>(What is it?)          |        |
| 11. Has a birthday in November. NAME _____<br>(What date?)   | 25. Knows the chemical formula for water. NAME _____<br>(What is it?)              |        |
| 12. Plays on a sports team. NAME _____<br>(What sport?)  |  |        |
| 13. Owns a collection of news. NAME _____<br>(What is it?)   |  |        |
| 14. Owns more than three pets. NAME _____<br>(What are they?)  |  |        |

### Interest Inventory

It is important that you get to know your students as unique individuals. The responses they give on the interest inventory on pages 20-21 provide an insight into how they view the world, as well as what they find fun and exciting. This may help you choose class novels and activities throughout the year.



Date:

Total:

## Find Someone Who ...

Find someone in the class who fits each of the following categories. Record their name. You cannot use the same person more than twice. Circle the number of each category you've completed.

1. Can name the 5 Great Lakes. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(List them.) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Loves to read. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(What kind of books?) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Has a younger brother. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Brother's name?) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Has two older sisters. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sisters' names?) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Enjoys gardening. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Has tried asparagus. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Can speak several words of a foreign language.  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (What language?) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Has brown eyes. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Likes to use the computer. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Can play a musical instrument. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(What instrument?) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Has a birthday in November. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(What date?) \_\_\_\_\_
12. Plays on a sports team. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(What sport? \_\_\_\_\_ What's the team's name?) \_\_\_\_\_
13. Owns a collection of items. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(What is it?) \_\_\_\_\_
14. Owns more than three pets. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(What are they?) \_\_\_\_\_
15. Has performed in a play before. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(What was the name of the play?) \_\_\_\_\_
16. Likes to write stories. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Has lived in another state. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Which state?) \_\_\_\_\_
18. Has seen a chicken hatch before. \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (When?) \_\_\_\_\_
19. Knows what a thesaurus is. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(What is it?) \_\_\_\_\_
20. Has made dinner for the family. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(What did they make?) \_\_\_\_\_
21. Loves to draw. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
22. Knows the name of the Vice President.  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(What is it?) \_\_\_\_\_
23. Knows the name of the governor.  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(What is it?) \_\_\_\_\_
24. Knows the capital of Vermont.  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(What is it?) \_\_\_\_\_
25. Knows the chemical formula for water.  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(What is it?) \_\_\_\_\_