

Mini Speed Dating

From *Ryhmä toimivaksi* by Laura Jääskeläinen

DURATION: 5-10 MINUTES

Fast rotations with one-word answers spark curiosity and laughter while keeping the pressure low.

1. Form two circles—an inner circle and an outer circle—with students facing a partner. If there's an odd number, the teacher joins to complete the pair.

2. Answer the teacher's question with one word. After both partners have answered, the inner circle shifts one step clockwise, creating a new pair and a new question. For example:

- If you were a school subject, what would you be?
- A color?
- A season?
- A food?
- An animal?
- A piece of furniture?
- A fruit?
- A vacation destination?
- A shoe?

3. Invite the students to come up with new ones!

LAURA'S TIP:

You'll create a good flow by starting with the easier, no-talk High Fives and Silent Greetings, and then shifting to this activity.

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