



Title of the game

Star of empathy
To develop empathy in pupils
To promote mutual knowledge among pupils

Recommended age for this game:

11+

Duration:

10 + min

 Number of Students:

3+

Game Use:

 In the classroom




Instructions:

The class sits in a circle and each student takes a paper and a pencil. Instruct students to guess the most likely answers that most of the class could match in the following topics. The goal of each student is to guess what the others will answer! Pupils record their answers on paper. Topics may include:


- colours
- an animal
- a tree
- a musical instrument
- months in year
- numbers
- day of the week
- specific songs
- choosing a virgin or an eagle
- a subject at school etc...

Points, score:


1. After writing down all the answers, evaluate each one separately.
2. Points are awarded to students who agree on the choice, i.e. give the same answer. The more students agree the more points they get. Each of them gets as many points as the number of students who have made the same choice. E.g. in the colour category you will find that the following colours appeared in the answers: 6x blue, 12x black, 10x red, 2x pink, others only one each. Pupils who wrote blue get 6 points, pupils with black 12 points, etc.
3. If the answer is different from all the other answers, the student gets no points.
4. At the end of the game, the students add up the points.

 **Materials:**

Paper, pen and board

 **Tips for the game:**

- The game focuses on the student's knowledge of and attunement to the value system of the whole class.
- You can lead a discussion with the pupils about the chosen values, e.g. why did the majority choose Friday as the day of the week?
- You can use the outputs from the technique to discuss the topic of empathy, and classroom relationships.

 **Reflective questions for students:**

- Who got the most points?
- Which issues did you most agree on and why?
- Which question did you not know which answer to choose?
- What does empathy mean and how does it affect relationships between people?