

Whaddaya Know?

Focus: Sharing

Materials: Scrap paper and pen or pencil

Sequence: Ice Breaker

Suggested Procedure

1. Have students get into small working groups of 3-6 people.
2. Ask each person to privately and secretly write a number between 3 and 12 on a piece of scrap paper.
3. Ask them to show their number to their group.
4. The task is to share as many things about themselves with the small group as the number they have written. For example, if Josh wrote the number "4", he shares four things about himself.

Sample Processing Questions for Name Tag

- Did you feel tricked? Why or why not?
- How easy or difficult was it to come up with things to say about yourself? What made it easy or difficult?
- What did you learn about others in your group?

Facilitation Notes

When asking students to work in groups, it is helpful to begin with a sharing activity that does not relate to their project, but helps them get to know each other a bit more. This activity is a quick and simple way to do that. As the groups continue working together, short exercises to learn and practice collaborative skills can support them to stay on track as they figure out how to work together.