Who is the leader?

Adolescents play a game to guess who is leading the circle in different movements and gestures

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🔆 10 min

Bring adolescents together in a circle, facing toward the middle.

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"Today you are the team and I am the coach. But instead of telling you what to do I'm going to show you what to do. Watch me and try to make the same movements I make. When I change to a new movement, try to change with me as quickly as possible."

Demonstrate

Make a series of movements with your body. Continue each movement for a few seconds, so that adolescents have a chance to watch and follow. Examples of movements include: Wave both hands over your head, reach down to touch your toes, stand on one foot with your toe pointing toward the circle.

After a few minutes of practice with you as coach, ask the adolescents to volunteer as the coach and to take turns leading the rest of the circle in different movements. Do this a few times with adolescents as coach.

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"Now I want to ask one adolescent to be a brave volunteer. Your job will be to guess who is the coach, just by watching us."

Choose a volunteer and ask them to leave the activity space for a moment, or to turn around and cover their eyes.

Choose another adolescent to be the new "coach." The adolescents in the circle should begin to follow the new coach's movements. As they continue, ask the volunteer to come back to the circle. The volunteer should try to guess who the coach is, guessing as many times as they need to find the right person.

Repeat the activity as many times as the adolescents want. Each volunteer can choose the next volunteer, and each coach can choose a new coach.

Environment

Indoor or outdoor space.

Supplies

None needed.