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Ask and record

Pairs take one question card from this resource and a small handful of counters. They ask five classmates the question on the card, and drop one counter into the yes tray or the no tray for each answer they get.

"Ask your question to five people. One counter for each answer."

"Who have you asked already?"

2

Guess who

One student thinks of a classmate in the room and the others ask questions to work out who it is. The student may only answer yes or no, so a question that cannot be answered that way gets no answer at all.

"Ask a question I can answer with yes or no."

"That was a no. Who can we rule out now?"

3

One question, the whole class

Choose one question card and ask it of every student, working down the class roster on the wall and crossing off each name as the answer comes in. Each student drops one counter into the matching tray as they answer.

"Everybody is being asked the same question. I am crossing off each name as we go."

"Which tray is filling up faster?"

Crossing names off is the whole method for keeping track. It is what stops a student being asked twice and what shows, at the end, that nobody was missed.

4

A question with too many answers

Try the two trays with "What is your favourite colour?". Ask four students and hold the counters in your hand as their answers come back.

"Tom said green. Which tray does green go in?"

"I have four different answers and two trays. What is wrong with my question?"

The trays themselves refuse the question. The question has to change, not the trays, and a student who says so has the idea this lesson is for.

This activity should be done with two real trays. Cut out each label and stand one in front of each tray.

yes

no

This activity should be done by asking real classmates. These cards hold the question.

Do you have a pet at home?

Do you have a brother?

Did you walk to school
today?

Do you like apples?

Are you wearing a jumper?

Do you have a sister?

Do you play soccer?

Can you swim?

Did you have breakfast
today?

Do you have a cat?

Do you like swimming?

Are your shoes black?

Do you ride a bike?

Have you been on a plane?

Do you
_____?

Do you
_____?