

The Name Chain Game

Grades K–2 • 10 min • 8–30 students

WHAT YOU NEED

- None

SETUP

Sit or stand in a circle where everyone can see everyone else.

HOW TO RUN IT

1. The first student says their name and does a simple gesture (a clap, a wave, a hop).
2. The whole circle repeats the name and copies the gesture together.
3. The next student repeats every name-and-gesture said so far, in order, then adds their own.
4. Keep going around the circle — if the class is large, restart the chain every 8–10 names instead of trying to remember the whole class at once.

VARIATIONS

- Drop the memory-chain part for a very young class and just do "name + gesture, everyone copies" around the circle once.
- Add a favorite-animal-sound version later in the year once names are memorized.