**ENERGIZERS**

In various activities such as class reflection days at OLVCplus we have a habit of using so-called "energisers" to get the students warmed-up for certain assignments. It is also a playful way to divide students into groups. In this way, you learn which pupils take the initiative.

We list here some ideas that can be used:

1. You can have the pupils organize themselves according to the color of their socks, their date of birth, ... You can also make this task more difficult by gathering them in a circle and forcing them to stand on chairs. That way they also have to take care of each other and dare to support each other physically. In such a task you also learn who dares to grab another and, of course, especially who is helpful.
2. You can stick a sheet on the students’ back with a color on it, for example, and tell them not to talk while they organize themselves according to color. It gets more exciting and complicated when you write down those colors in a different color.
3. You can also provide envelopes and then work with e.g:
	1. for pairs: name of an author (e.g. Shakespeare) and a well-known work (Hamlet), name of a film (Indiana Jones) and main actor (Harrison Ford),...
	2. for larger groups, you can also work with ingredients (e.g. spaghetti bolognaise - spaghetti - tomatoes - onions - minced meat), with landmarks of a city (Eiffel Tower, Paris),...

These were just a few examples thatwork if you want to divide a group into subgroups in a fun way and it works better than just forming groups by attributing numbers to the students, which of course you can still do if you're short of time, but test this out and be sure to let us know if you have any more ideas, because this list is just a starting point and we are happy to complete it with new ideas.

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