

### ACTIVITY 1

## LET'S CONNECT BINGO

**This activity helps pupils make new connections with their classmates.**

- Make some 'bingo' cards divided into six squares (use our pre-filled template on the next page).
- In each square there is a challenge for the pupils to find another pupil who, for example, likes pizza; has a cat; enjoys swimming; can play a musical instrument, likes football etc.
- Let the pupils move around the room, talking to each other to find out whether they connect over things they have in common. When they find a pupil who also has a cat (for example) they write the name of the pupil in the box and then move on to talk to other pupils, to fill more of the squares with names. The activity ends when all the pupils have at least five of their boxes filled with the name of a classmate.
- Talk to the pupils about how they found the activity – was it fun? Awkward? What did they discover about themselves? What did they discover about their classmates? Did they realise they had connections with all their classmates and not just those they're friends with? Discuss with the group their similarities and differences – and how they can still connect, despite these.

### OPTIONAL EXTENSION ACTIVITIES:

- Do the same activity with other classes – find new connections!
- Create a connections bingo game focused on qualities and values e.g. 'I like helping people', 'I like trying new things', 'I prefer to spend time with just one friend', 'I feel uncomfortable in big groups', 'I am a good listener', 'I sometimes feel lonely at school' etc. Use our blank template to create your own connections bingo game - or ask the children to make one up!

**This activity is designed for 7-11 year-olds, but could be used with other age groups too. To extend the content, refer to our other activity ideas.**



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Can you find somebody who...

HAS A SISTER	ENJOYS READING	LIKES FOOTBALL
CAN PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT	LIKES PIZZA	HAS A PET

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