



THREE CHANGES

(15-20 minutes)

OBJECTIVE

Students study each other carefully to improve information-gathering skills.

MATERIALS

No materials are necessary for this activity.

GET READY

- ✓ Divide your students into teams of two.
- ✓ Have students in the pairs face each other.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ Say to your students, *Perhaps you have lost some money or a toy in a room that you often play in. When you did, you probably looked around the room much more carefully than ever before. When we need to, we can observe or study a person or thing very carefully. In this game you will practice observing carefully.* (All teams will play simultaneously.)
- ✓ Tell the students to look at each other carefully.
- ✓ When you say, *Three changes*, direct them to turn back-to-back and make three changes in their appearance: change their hair, untie their shoelaces, tuck in their shirt, etc.
- ✓ When they have made the changes, say, *Face each other.*
- ✓ Ask the students to identify the changes their partners have made.
- ✓ Students can play several times, changing partners occasionally.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ★ *Did you get better at observing another person?*
- ★ *Do you think we should carefully observe a person who wants to be our leader? Why?*
- ★ *How can we get information about a person who wants to be our leader?*
- ★ *What information do we need to know about a person who wants to be our leader?*
- ★ *Who is currently looking to be our leader?*
- ★ *What information do you have about them? How can you find out more?*

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Encourage your students to bring to class any election paraphernalia they find. Ask them to look in magazines, newspapers, and mailed brochures. Pin this information to a bulletin board.