



Got 5 Minutes?

Critical Thinking and Teamwork

Line Up

Whole Group
Get Up & Interact
Activity

Give the students directions to arrange themselves in a line

- At the front of the room
- In small groups
- At the door, etc.

Ideas:

- Alphabetical by first or last name
- Age or date of birth
- Height, shoe size, or length of hair
- Time you woke up this morning or to bed last night
- Who had the biggest breakfast?
- Who most recently ate pizza?
- Who has the longest thumb?



* Also works well to identify the member of a small group who will answer a question first or fill a certain role

To make it more challenging:

Have students form the line without talking

Puzzles and Brain Teasers:

Search online for variety of puzzles appropriate for your students

Three of a Kind

Give three words and have students figure out what the words have in common

Bugs, Blue, Easter
(Bunny)

Pyramid, Sphere, Cube
(3-dimensional Shapes)

*Tip: Use cards from "TriBond Jr" board game

Word Picture Puzzles

Use words, symbols, letters, and their positions to represent a word or phrase

BAN ANA
(banana split)



(dominoes)

Initial Puzzles

Use letters and numbers to represent a phrase for students to figure out

90 D in a R A
(90 degrees in a right angle)

12 M in a Y
(12 months in a year)

118 E on the P T
(118 elements on the periodic table)

Rebus Puzzles

Use drawings and letters to spell out a word or phrase



Trivia

Pose questions for students to answer

Include questions related to music, movies, sports and other topics; let students show off their knowledge of things outside of school

1:1 Classroom?
Use as opportunity for students to practice looking up answers online

Hink Pinks

Give a definition for which students come up with a two-word rhyming phrase

Very Best Floor
Sweeper (Top Notch)



Male Cow
After a
Big Meal
(Full Bull)