

## Let's find somebody who....

Everybody is given a list of people to find, for example:

### *Find someone*

1. *who is exactly one month older than you are*
2. *who drinks more than 3 cups of milk each day*
3. *who gets up on weekdays before seven o'clock*
4. *who lives more than ten kilometres from here*
5. *who plays football more than twice a week*
6. *who can tell you what 6+8 equals*
7. *who has one brother and one sister*
8. *whose height is more than 140cm*
9. *who has their breakfast between 8.00a.m. and 8.30 a.m.*
10. *whose travel time to school takes more than 30 minutes*
11. *who can tell you the time the library opens on Thursdays*
12. *who reads for 20 minutes or more each day*
13. *whose birthday is between the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup> of a month*

...and so on.

Each child is given this list. Before the activity begins, the facilitator prepares the children for the task by talking about the various tasks that feature.

For example, by asking:

*Does everyone know how far 10 kilometres is? For example, ten kilometres is the distance between here (Town X) and another town/village nearby (Town Y).*

*Does everyone know what height they are? This could be turned into a short fun activity where a measuring tape/chart is hung on a wall and children take turns measuring each other's height.*

All children go around asking other children in the group two questions at a time.

Whenever they receive the answer *yes* to a question, they tick off the relevant task on the list and write the respondent's name beside it.

After about ten minutes (with a list of 20 or more items) the questioning ends and everybody adds up the number of ticks on his or her list.

This game is useful as an icebreaker activity particularly with children who don't know each other well. It is also a good game to practise conversation skills.

Rather than focusing solely on numbers, it can also be made more general and include tasks such as:

*Find someone ...*

*whose family name begins with O*

*who has read a Harry Potter book*

*who has a relative living in Australia*

*who enjoys writing stories*

*who has green eyes*

*who will sing a song with you*

