

Game:

Signs

Type of Game:

A “not so noisy”, Inside Game

Supplies: Chairs for every player but 1 (optional)

Rules:

Before the game begins, all players come up with their own specific hand signal or “sign”

One player is chosen to be in the middle to begin

Players sit in a circle facing each other with 1 person standing in the middle

The middle person closes their eyes and counts to 10 while the sign is passed

When the count reaches 10, they open their eyes and the game begins

The middle person tries to catch another player in the act of either passing or receiving the sign

If that person “has the sign” at the moment asked, they trade places with the middle person

The middle person sits in the chair and the other player is the new middle person for round 2

The object of the game is to keep whoever is in the middle standing for as long as possible

How the sign is passed/received:

Signs are hand signals. Simple ones are easiest. Elaborate ones are funny and more challenging

- salute, ok sign, thumbs up, etc

To pass the sign, make eye contact with somebody and perform THE OTHER PERSON’S sign

To receive the sign, the 2nd person performs THEIR OWN sign

- i.e. If the person receiving the sign has the personal sign of the “peace sign,” in order to pass to them, the passer makes eye contact with them and quietly holds up a peace sign. To receive it, the receiver also holds up the peace sign.

The sign is not officially passed until the receiver does their own sign and receives it

Notes: 10-50 people can play at once

This game can be played sitting on chairs or on the ground

-chairs are ideal; hand signals will be made closer to eye level with the person in the middle

Player should keep from choosing hand signals that are commonly performed

- i.e. Scratching the nose, yawning, shifting the feet. These can be accidentally done which would be confusing

If there is ever confusion in the group as to where the sign is (or should be), pause the game, have the middle person close their eyes, and have the person with the sign raise their hand to be identified

The middle person may be tempted to guess at random and at rapid fire, this is discouraged

-the middle person should have reasonable suspicion of whom they ask

Adaptations: None