Getting-to-Know-You Scavenger Hunts

This is a wonderful icebreaker any time during the first week of school. It’s critical to stick to your predetermined time limit for this activity because with the excitement this activity generates, it will be tempting to let it continue!

The following three pages contain three different versions of the scavenger hunt. Distribute a copy of one of the scavenger hunts to each of the students to complete. On completion, ask students to raise their hands if they have answered all 15 questions. If no-one raises a hand, keep going (14, 13, 12) until you can collect a paper with the most completed answers. Review the sheet with the class. Talk to each of the students whose name is listed under each category. Verify that they fit the given category. If they do not, deduct one point from the total. Continue until a winner is established.

Variations:
- Have students work in pairs or small groups.
- Allow students to work on the scavenger hunt during the first week of school.
- Encourage students to find a different classmate for each answer.
- Invite students to make up their own scavenger hunts.
Scavenger Hunt: Classmates Part 1

Find a classmate who fits each of the following categories. Record each name on the lines provided. Try not to use the same person more than twice. When you have finished, circle each category that also applies to you.

1. Who has a birthday in September? ____________________________
2. Who has green eyes? ____________________________
3. Who walks to school every day? ____________________________
4. Who walks to school sometimes? ____________________________
5. Who does not have a middle name? ____________________________
6. Who is new in the school this year? ____________________________
7. Who went to the beach in the summer? ____________________________
8. Who knows how to bake a cake? ____________________________
9. Who has ridden a horse? ____________________________
10. Whose favourite colour is purple? ____________________________
11. Whose first name starts with M? ____________________________
12. Whose family has a blue car? ____________________________
13. Who is left-handed? ____________________________
14. Who can play the piano? ____________________________
15. Who has more brothers than sisters? ____________________________

# Scavenger Hunt: Classmates Part 2

Find a classmate who fits each of the following categories. Record each name and the follow-up answer on the lines provided. Try not to use the same person more than twice.

When you have finished, circle the number of each category that also applies to you.

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| 1. | **Loves to read.** | Name:  
Favourite book: |
| 2. | **Has a younger brother.** | Name:  
Brother’s name: |
| 3. | **Has two older sisters.** | Name:  
Sisters’ names: |
| 4. | **Has tried asparagus.** | Name:  
Likes it? |
| 5. | **Speaks a foreign language.** | Name:  
What language? |
| 6. | **Can play a musical instrument.** | Name:  
What instrument? |
| 7. | **Has a birthday in January.** | Name:  
What date? |
| 8. | **Plays on a sports team.** | Name:  
What sport? |
| 9. | **Owns more than two pets.** | Name:  
What are they? |
| 10. | **Has lived in another state/territory.** | Name:  
Which state/territory? |
| 11. | **Has two favourite school subjects.** | Name:  
Favourite subjects: |
| 12. | **Has a magazine subscription.** | Name:  
What magazine? |
| 13. | **Likes ice-cream.** | Name:  
Favourite flavour? |
| 14. | **Has been to a zoo.** | Name:  
Favourite animal? |
| 15. | **Has been overseas.** | Name:  
What country? |
Scavenger Hunt: School

To learn more about your school find an answer to each of the following categories. Record each answer on the lines provided.

1. What is the mailing address of the school? ________________________________

2. When was the school built? ________________________________

3. What is the highest room number in the school? ________________________________

4. Who many windows are in the library? ________________________________

5. How many days can you keep a book that you’ve borrowed from the library? ______

6. What else can you find in the library besides books? ________________________________

7. What vegetables are being served in the canteen this week? ________________________________

8. How many tables are in the canteen? ________________________________

9. How many trees are on the school grounds? ________________________________

10. How many drinking fountains are at the school? ________________________________

11. What can you find that is painted blue? ________________________________

12. Which teacher has been at the school the longest? ________________________________

13. How many teachers work at the school? ________________________________

14. How many exit signs can you find? ________________________________

15. Which teacher’s last name starts with a letter closest to the end of the alphabet? ________________________________