

The Phone Book Scavenger Hunt

Prepare for this activity by perusing the phone book in advance. Write down a number of items (names, advertisements, phrases, pictures, and so on) that your teenagers can attempt to find by looking through the phone book. You should be able to create a scavenger hunt in just a few minutes. Give your students paper and pencil to keep track of the list. Set a time limit and keep the game moving.

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The Name Game

Here's a fun game for a road trip. Distribute a few phone books, divide the students into teams of two to four people, and ask each team to find the funniest name listed in the phone book. Over the years the teenagers in my groups have discovered some really funny names. Ivan Von Eggcream is one that comes to mind—no kidding! You'll be surprised at the fun you can have with this one.

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Feats of Strength

You've probably read about people who can tear a phone book in half, but have you ever tried? Don't do this one unless you have some old phone books, but if you can gather some outdated books, it's fun to let some of the macho kids in the group give it a try. There is actually a secret to tearing a phone book in half—but I'm not revealing it here! I like impressing other people with this one.

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The Funny Ad

If you have Yellow Pages, divide the students into teams, and see which team can discover the funniest or strangest ad. Your teenagers will find plenty of candidates! You can easily do this game on a bus, so it's a fun travel activity.

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