

YOU BELONG!

TIME 15–20 minutes

THE GAME Ask players to form groups as quickly as possible as you call out the different criteria:

- › Form a group of two players; now four; now six.
- › Form a group of six people wearing athletic shoes (or a particular shoe color).
- › Form a group of people in which at least one person wears red socks (or no socks).
- › Form a group of people wearing red shirts, white shirts, and blue shirts (or another color pattern at your discretion).
- › Find a person who shares your birthday month, and sing "Happy birthday to us!"
- › Form a group of three, each with the same eye color (for variety, make it each with a different eye color).
- › Form groups of morning people and late night owls.

Do this several times. Keep the pace fast!

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- › What other groupings would be interesting to explore?
- › What new information, if any, did you learn about others in the group?
- › Why is it important to recognize the wide range of subgroups that exist within our group? Any group?

BAG OF SKITS

TIME 20–30 minutes

SUPPLIES

- › Bags (one per team)
- › Small miscellaneous items (markers, toys, stuffed animals, balloons, straws, stickers)

SET UP Fill bags with miscellaneous items.

THE GAME Divide players into smaller teams of 4–6. Ask each team to develop and perform a three-minute skit using all materials in their bag.

VARIATION Choose a game show host, visiting actors, and audience members. The game show host asks the audience for a skit theme. Four actors break into pairs. Pairs work together, using props (one at a time) in a brief storyline around the theme, and compete against each other until one pair can't come up with a use of the props to fit the theme.

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- › Were all ideas welcomed in your group discussions?
- › Do you enjoy performing on stage or working behind the scenes?
- › What strengths did you observe among your teammates?
- › What strengths do you bring to group tasks?