



Energy Pantomime

Get Ready

Duplicate the sheet of pantomimes (ten per sheet) according to the number of people you want to have in each group. A sheet of pantomimes is included on page 10. Feel free to use this sheet, or to make up your own. You will need enough slips to hand out to everyone. If you have a small group, you may want to use less than ten pantomimes.

Get Set

- Cut the pantomime sheets into separate pantomime slips.
- If you want your groups to contain a random mixture of people, hand out the slips randomly. If you want to divide the groups by age level, or by students' strengths and personalities, fold the pantomime slips in half, write a student's name on each slip, and distribute the slips.

Go

- Explain to the students that they are going to be broken into smaller groups using this activity.
- Explain that each of them will be handed a slip of paper with an energy source or user on it. They must not say the name of their source or energy-producing or energy-consuming device aloud—just read it and put it in their pockets.
- Hand out (or have assistants hand out) the pantomimes. Once all the slips have been handed out, tell the students to begin to pantomime their energy source or user. They may make sound effects and hand motions, but no talking, whispering, or reading lips.
- The students should walk around the room searching for others pantomiming the same source or object. Once all the members of the groups have found each other, the students will be neatly divided into groups that can be used for other activities.

Energy Pantomime is a quick and easy way to break a group into several smaller groups. It gets the participants moving, looking, thinking, and acting. Energy Pantomime will produce a random mix of groups or a mix of groups by age depending on how the slips are handed out. It is short, easy to prepare, and fun for your audience. It requires only one adult to run, although many can be involved. This activity is suited for most ages.

Grades

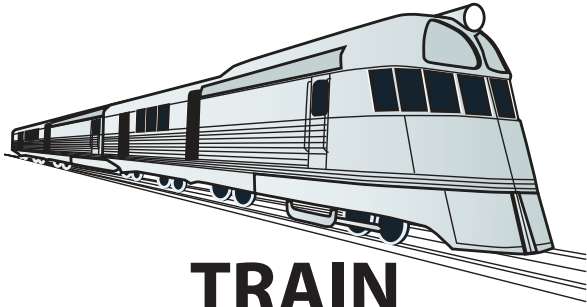
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Preparation

- 5-10 minutes

Time

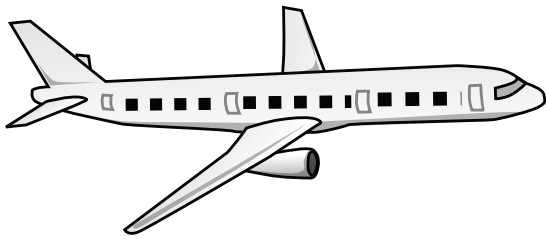
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TRAIN



CAR



AIRPLANE



WIND TURBINE



TELEVISION



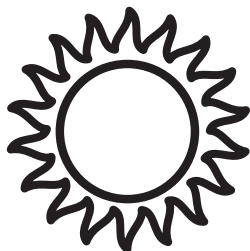
LIGHT BULB



TREE



TELEPHONE



SUN



BICYCLE