

Pass the Chicken

DESCRIPTION

In this game, nobody wants to hold the rubber chicken -- the game's only prop!

To begin the game, all students sit in a circle. Select one person to be *It*. That person holds the rubber chicken. The teacher or a "caller" says to the person holding the chicken something like...

- "Name five fast-food restaurants. Pass the chicken!"
- "State five first names of boys. None of the names can be names of boys in our class. Pass the chicken!"
- "Name five presidents of the United States. Pass the chicken!"
- "Name five addition facts that result in a sum of 10. Pass the chicken!"
- "Name five 3-syllable words. Pass the chicken!"

Variation 1: As soon as students hear the caller say "Pass the chicken," the person holding the chicken passes it to the right. Students quickly pass the chicken around the circle. If it returns to the original holder before he or she can name five fast-food restaurants (or presidents or number facts or...), the holder is still *It*. Otherwise, the person holding the chicken when *It* finishes listing five restaurants is the new *It*.

Variation 2: The teacher calls out a category and "passes the chicken." The person holding the chicken responds and passes the chicken to the next student, who responds and passes the chicken. The game continues until the holder of the chicken cannot respond.

Note: You should prepare the topics in advance and they can relate to the classroom curriculum or they might be "general information" topics for oral communication practice.

Some Suggested Topics

- fast-food restaurants
- authors of children's books
- countries in South America
- sports teams
- things that grow in the desert
- vegetables
- cartoon characters
- musical groups
- cereals
- rivers in the United States
- candy bars made with chocolate
- large bodies of water
- animals found in salt marshes
- cities in Texas or other state or country