



# Name Game

## What is it for?

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A game that involves throwing an imaginary ball that helps people learn each other's names.

## Time & People

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5 - 15 minutes  
5 - 50 people  
Ideal: around 20

## Materials

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None

## Source

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Applied Improv game

## And...

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Can add a second or third 'ball' - this greatly increases the need to pay attention and the game will eventually break down, usually amongst much laughter

- Stand in a circle, and introduce the activity
- Go around the circle and have everyone say their preferred name
- Demonstrate throwing an imaginary ball to someone else in the circle, as you throw to that person, call their name
- When they 'catch' the ball, they also say their own name
- Then they throw it to another person in the circle, calling that person's name
- Stop after a while and ask what makes it easy or hard to do
- Could also ask if people are making up imaginary rules (hint: there are no rules except those described above)
- Resume playing