

# Names Test

**Educational Objective:** The students will demonstrate their ability to remember the names of every student in the class.

**Materials Needed:** A ball about 4 to 6 inches (Better than a real ball would be one made of wadded paper and tape). 3 slips of paper for each player. 30 second timer.

**Hook:** Play “The ABC Ball.” Have everyone stand in a circle. Introduce a ball and tell them that they are going to hit this ball around with their hands like volleyball. Each hit is a consecutive letter in the alphabet. It cannot touch the ground. They must try to get to “z”. Keep track of the farthest letter they get to. It must be hit – not held.

**Step 1:** Sit in a circle and review the Stupid Name Game. First, the teacher will take the test. However many names the teacher misses is how many the students can miss and still get full credit. They will each take the test by individually naming everyone in the circle and doing their sign. Keep track of how many they each miss for grading. After testing one student that student can test others and so on. It won’t take long with several students doing the testing with you.

**Step 2:** Review the Canterbury Tales.

**Step 3:** Play “T.V./Movies/Plays.” If possible divide the class Girls vs. Boys. If not you just need two teams. Give each player 3 slips of paper. Tell them to write down the name of a television show, movie, or play on each slip. Tell them the other team is going to guess them. Have them fold each slip twice then collect one team’s slips in one container and the other team’s slips in another. Put the boys’ container in front of the girls and vice versa. Taking turns the teams must send one person up to the container draw a slip and without talking get their team to say the name of the show. They may pantomime, point to objects, act it out, use sound effects, or hum music. The only thing they can’t do is use words in any way. If the team guesses it within 30 seconds they get a point. The winning team gets a candy.