



# Icebreaker Activities

For a full description of rules and directions, please visit the link listed underneath:

## 1. Best Skills Showdown

Children work together in small groups to compete against others in a series of mini-games.

<https://www.icebreakers.ws/large-group/best-skills-showdown-game.html>

## 2. Extreme Rock, Paper, Scissors

Children battle it out to determine the rock, paper, scissors champion. The losing players of each round become cheerleaders for the student who beat them until the ultimate winner is determined.

<https://www.icebreakers.ws/large-group/extreme-rock-paper-scissors.html>

## 3. Find Your Match

All students are given a notecard with an object, business, or famous individual. They have to find the person who is their “match” through conversation with the rest of the students

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plans/teaching-content/find-your-match-icebreaker-activity/>

## 4. Fishbowl

Children are given a large selection of words in a “fishbowl.” Children play three rounds to get their team members to guess their word(s): (1) taboo, (2) charades, (3) password.

<https://icebreakerideas.com/fishbowl-game/>

## 5. Frozen T-Shirt Race

Players work together to literally break the ice on a t-shirt and unfold it completely. The first team to thaw it out and put it on wins.

<https://www.icebreakers.ws/active/frozen-t-shirt-race.html>

## 6. Giants, Wizards, Elves

Similar to Rock, Paper, Scissors, players split into two teams and choose between giants, wizards, or elves each round. The winning team chases down the other players to “capture” them. If the players escape, they are safe for another round.

<https://www.icebreakers.ws/medium-group/giants-wizards-elves.html>

## 7. Newspaper Towers

Children compete against other teams to see who can build the largest tower using only one material – newspaper.

<https://www.icebreakers.ws/medium-group/newspaper-towers.html>

## 8. Sharks and Minnows

One student starts out as the shark and has to tag the other “minnows” who are trying to “Swim” by. If a minnow gets tagged, they become a shark as well.

<https://www.playworks.org/game-library/sharks-and-minnows/>

