

the science of...
SPYING

Guess the secret

What is Spying?

Purpose

To improve skills of information finding.

Age range (years)



Background

Spies, like teachers, often have to work to tight deadlines. Getting to the right information quickly can be the difference between success and failure.

Steps

1. Choose one student and ask them to think of a famous person, but not to tell the rest of the class.
2. Choose a panel of questioners.
3. The panel can ask just 10 questions to discover the identity of the mystery person. The subject can only answer 'yes' or 'no'. Encourage the panel to discuss and agree the best questions before asking them. What questions will elicit the most information and expose the secret quickly?

Extension

You can vary the game by insisting the class agree their next **three** questions (for example) in advance of asking them.