

Secret Signals

Watching - Observing and gathering information

Purpose

To improve skills in observation.

Age range (years)

7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16



Subjects

English/ Drama.
PSHE



Background

Spies must sometimes communicate with each other in subtle ways and without being seen.

Steps

You will need:

- A folded piece of paper for each student, all blank - except one which is marked (the mark should be hidden inside the fold).

1. Hand out the pieces of paper. You may include yourself in the game if you wish.
2. Ask students to see if they have been given the marked paper while being careful not to show their paper to anyone else.
3. Explain that the person with the marked paper can remove other players from the game by winking at them and that all other players are forbidden from winking.
4. The objective for the 'winker' is to remove as many others as possible without being discovered. Other players must try to identify the 'winker' before they are removed.

Extensions

- Ask students whether they found it easy or difficult to communicate without talking. Why?
- Change the game by choosing other types of secret signal – such as head scratching or touching an ear.