A What?

**Impact:** Communication, icebreaker, fun  
**Risk:** Low  
**Group Size:** Unlimited; 12 - 15 is a good size  
**Time Required:** 10 minutes

**Directions:**
- The objective of the activity is to pass a message forward and back in a circle.
- Ask the group to stand in a circle, facing the center.
- The facilitator begins the action by taking a ball (any object will do) and handing it to the person on their right, saying, "This is a banana."
- The person who now holds the ball is evidently already confused, because they inquire, "A what?!!" The first player repeats, "A banana!"
- Person number two, their confusion temporarily cleared up, hands the ball to the person on their right and says, "This is a banana."
- Now person number three is confused. "A what??!!" they ask of number two.

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