

Bippity Bop Bop Bop

Impact: Energizes a group and enables participants to learn each other's names

Risk: Low (Not best suited for use as an introductory name game. Make sure all participants have learned each other's names prior to playing.)

Group Size: 5 or more

Time Required: 5-10 minutes

Directions:

- Stand in a circle with one person in the middle. This person is "it."
- To begin, the person in the middle spins around in a circle, stops suddenly, points to someone, and says or shouts "bippity bop bop bop." Before "it" finishes saying this phrase, the person to whom they are pointing tries to say or shout the name of someone else in the circle. If the person fails to say another name in time, says a made up name, or messes up in any way, then they are out and become "it" in the center of the circle. The game continues like this for a little while.
- Then "Bippity Bop Bop Bop" becomes more of a challenge. The person in the middle still spins around quickly and points to someone, but now says "right - bippity bop bop bop" or "left - bippity bop bop bop". Right and left refer to the people to the right and left of the person to whom "it" is pointing. The person that it is pointing at must then say the correct name of either the person to the right or left, following "it's" instructions, before "it" finishes saying "bippity bop bop bop." Again, if the person messes up, they become "it."
- A final variation is for "it" to add in the directions "me - bippity bop bop bop" or "across -bippity bop bop bop." Then the person to whom "it" is pointing tries to say "it's" name or the name of the person directly across the circle, respectively.

Hint:

The game should be fast paced and high energy. It is a great way to learn and practice names.

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