



## Common Ground

### Preparation

Have students stand facing their partners, with space between them.

### Steps

1. Read the question out loud.
2. Have students show a thumbs-up for yes or a thumbs-down for no.
3. Have partners who answer the same way step together and slap hands; have partners who answer differently squat down.
4. Increase the challenge as desired.

### Questions

- Do you like playing tag?
- Do you like drinking orange juice?
- Do you like doing puzzles?
- Do you like listening to music?
- Do you like cleaning out your desk?

### Increasing the Challenge

*Attention (A), Working Memory (WM), and Inhibitory Control (IC)*

- Introduce an opposites rule: If partners answer the same way, they squat; if they answer differently, they step to “common ground.” (A, WM, IC)
- Have students tally how many questions they answered the same way. (WM)
- Have pairs of students compare their tally with other pairs’ tallies. (WM)