

Speak, Debate, Think

If I ruled the world...

The first person in the circle announces their name and makes a statement about what they would do if they ruled the world. For example:

Person A - "My name's Bob and if I ruled the world, I would give everyone cake."

Person B - "His name's Bob and if he ruled the world he would give everyone cake. My name is Amy and if I ruled the world I would eliminate poverty."

Person C - "His name's Bob and if he ruled the world he would give everyone cake. Her name is Amy and if she ruled the world she would eliminate poverty. My name's Omar and if I ruled the world I would make everyone wear blue hats".

This continues round the circle. (You can re-start the game again half-way)

Or

"My name is, and if I could have dinner with anyone living or dead, it would be because"

Wall to wall

Everyone stands in a large group in the middle of the space.

Explain what a motion is, and what THW means.

Label one side of the room AGREE, the other side DISAGREE and the middle NOT SURE.

- *THW introduce a four-day working week*
- *THW ban zoos*
- *THW make all citizens do compulsory sport*
- *THW legalise drugs*
- *THW allow prisoners to vote*

Everyone moves to stand on either side of the room or somewhere in the middle depending on their opinions of the motions. How close to the walls they are represents how sure of their opinion they are.

Ask people from each side (alternating, and pick about 6 for each motion) why they picked that side, or why they disagree with what's just been said.

ADVANCED/ALTERNATIVE

- For the third motion, get them to go to the sides as per the rules above.
- When they are in place, explain that you have tricked them, and actually the walls have now switched.
- Pick on people to give reasons for the side they didn't pick, *against* their own opinion.

I couldn't disagree more...

One person makes a statement (which can be serious, silly, topical, controversial or obvious). The next person replies to the statement by saying 'I couldn't disagree more' and then give a reason why:

A - "I believe that politics is a waste of time"

B - "I couldn't disagree more. Politics is incredibly important as politicians make decisions that affect every aspect of our lives"

Now it is B's turn to make a statement:

B - 'I believe that Edinburgh is the best city in the world.'

C - 'I couldn't disagree more! Everyone knows that people in Glasgow are much more friendly!'

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