

Look and See

Alike and Different

Overview: The activity is a fun way to introduce young students to the terms alike and different as you focus on observation skills. Older students notice more details.

Materials: None

Time: 5 - 10 minutes

Action: Scope out your students to find two students wearing similar clothing.

- Circle-up and invite those two students to stand in the middle of the circle.
- Ask students to use their observation skills to share what they notice is alike, or the same about the students. Then ask what is different.

Management Strategies: With younger students it may be easiest to notice differences first. With practice students start making more detailed observations that improve their science learning and lead to asking questions. Questions are the essence of science.

Variation: Provide two similar objects from nature that have tactile differences for students to compare and describe.



Two girls in mostly pink, but look closer.