



Self-Management

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New Millennium Telephone Game

By: The 4Rs



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Note to the teacher:

New Millennium Telephone Game is an excerpt from *The 4Rs™ [Reading, Writing, Respect & Resolution] Teaching Guide for Grade 1, Unit 3, Listening, p.35.*

Time: 10 minutes

Materials: none

Begin with the traditional game of Telephone as follows.

Whisper a sentence to the child next to you. S/he then whispers it to the child next to him/her, and so on around the circle. Whisper the sentence one time only, even if the child does not understand everything said. The last child repeats the message s/he heard, and you tell the group what you actually said!

Now tell the children you'll play the game again, but this time you will all use active listening. In other words, everyone should pay good attention, ask a question if you aren't sure you've heard correctly, and restate what you've heard to be sure you got it before whispering it to the next child.

When the last child repeats the message, it should come through much better this time. Did it?

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