



Social-Awareness



ABOUT MOVE THIS WORLD

Move This World cultivates the development of social and emotional learning (SEL) skills to empower students to navigate the complex and rapidly-changing realities of our world. An SEL program that has impacted the lives of over one million students across 35 states, Move This World provides educators and students with a robust, daily curriculum designed to strengthen social and emotional wellbeing in order to create and maintain healthy environments where effective teaching and learning can thrive. Move This World's extensive online library of PreK-12 videos and resources are rooted in creative expression and designed to help students develop a common language to improve communication, build trust, and create stronger communities.

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The Answer Ants

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Primary Competency:

- Social Awareness

How *The Answer Ants* Impacts Students:

The Answer Ants is an exercise that facilitates a space for forming connections. When students participate in this exercise they are sharing different questions. These questions can be anything from simple questions like, "What will I have for dinner tonight?" to bigger questions like, "What will I be when I get older?" Students will write down their questions on a sheet of paper at their desk, then move throughout the classroom writing down answers to each other's questions. The Answer Ants is designed to come early on in the curriculum in order to help students become more comfortable with sharing their ideas with one another, and build connections. This helps each classroom to build a safe space - which is a critical component in Move This World exercises.



[Link to *The Answer Ants* video.](#)

Skills:

- Discovering Differences
- Social Engagement

How to facilitate *The Answer Ants* in your classroom:

- Students will need a pen and paper for this exercise. Students can use a blank sheet of paper, or a copy of worksheet which can be printed out before the exercise!
- Students will be moving throughout the room to write down answers to the questions that their classmates have written down and left at their desks.
- Encourage students to answer questions from different peers each day if you are finding that they are only answering the questions that their friends have written down.
- Follow along with your students! Reinforce these skills and model active participation.

ENGAGE STUDENTS FURTHER WITH NEXT-LEVEL PROMPTS:

- Have a class discussion on whether or not there were any responses that surprised them.
- Ask students whether there were any questions that sparked interest for them as they moved throughout the room.
- Ask students how they can find opportunities to connect further on certain questions or topics that sparked interest for them?