

# Activity Guide: *Rapid Relate*

## Summary

Pairs search for 5 things they have in common as fast as they can.

### Purpose

Finding what's shared is a core principle of constructive dialogue. When we disagree, we often focus on differences. But finding commonalities can be a glue that holds a conversation together. This activity helps students practice this skill.

### Outcomes

Students will:

- Hone their question-asking skills
- Foster curiosity about others
- Share personally and create new connections quickly

## Detailed Agenda

### Overview

1. Find a partner and quickly discover 5 things you have in common (no obvious answers like "we're in this room"). Aim for new insights.
2. Raise your hand when done—see who finishes first!

### Note

For virtual settings, pair students in breakout rooms and tell them to return to the main room once they've found their 5 things in common. Make it a challenge: who will return to the main room first?

## Wrap-Up

### Debrief Questions

- How did this go?
- What did you learn?
- Would anyone like to share their 5 things? How did you discover them?