

# ATTENTION GETTERS

## What are attention getters?

Attention getters are fun and effective ways to get a group to stop what they are doing and focus.

## When should I use them?

You should use them whenever you need a group of students to listen.

- ❑ **Recess:** To share important rules and announcements, to pause a game or to calm students down before going back to class.
- ❑ **Classroom:** To bring the group back together, to share important instructions, or to make sure students are on task and engaged.
- ❑ **Any time you need the attention of a large group:** Teach the same attention getters to your whole school: start with call and response as it makes it easy to see who is not paying attention.

There are three basic attention getters:

Name of Attention Getter	Description	Tips and Tricks
Match Me	Leader does different actions and then the students mimic the actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Give them 3-5 commands</li><li>● Very effective for younger students</li><li>● The sillier the actions, the better</li><li>● Always end with calm actions</li></ul>
If you can hear my voice	Leader directs students to do different action. "If you can hear my voice, clap/jump/stomp/snap 2 times."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Give them 2-5 commands</li><li>● To see who is really listening, say one thing and do another</li></ul>
Call and response	Teacher says one things and students respond "When I say _____, you say _____"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Easiest to teach</li><li>● Get creative, think about movies your students might like</li><li>● Say the same phrase several times until you have everyone's attention</li></ul>

Want to see the attention getters in actions? Check out this [video](#)