



Game: Friendship Speed Round

OVERVIEW

Get ready for chaos—in the best way possible. *Friendship Speed Round* is a high-energy race to “find your people” in real-time. Each round challenges players to find someone with something in common—from shared favorites to longtime friendships. Whether it’s “Find someone who loves the same snack” or “Find someone who’s been to camp with you,” this game is all about quick thinking, fun, connections, and discovering unexpected friendships.

WHAT YOU’LL NEED

- Microphone for the host
- Timer or someone to keep track of time
- Pre-written list of prompts (on a slide or notecard)
- 3-5 contestants
- Optional: background music or sound effects for countdowns and wins

HOW-TO

PREP

- Choose 3-5 contestants to be your on-stage contestants. (You can pick them or in advance or call them up live.)
- Have your list of prompts ready for the host to read out loud.
- Let the audience know ahead of time that they might be recruited mid-game.
- Make sure you have a clear path from the stage to the audience and back.

PLAY

1. Start by having your contestants stand on the stage. Let them know the goal of the game: When the host calls out a prompt, they’ll race into the audience to find someone who matches it—and bring them back to the stage. The first one back with a correct match wins the round!
2. Then, begin the rounds!
3. Call out a new prompt each time. Some examples:
 - “Find someone who has the same birthday month as you.”
 - “Find someone who can name your favorite food.”
 - “Find someone who has the same favorite movie as you.”
 - “Find someone who goes to the same school but is in a different grade.”
 - “Find someone who has the same favorite ice cream flavor as you.”
 - “Find someone who has gone to camp with you.”
4. The first contestant back to the stage with a matching person gets a point. Play 2-5 rounds, and the player with the most points at the end wins.

WHAT TO SAY

“Hey everyone! This game is called *Friendship Speed Round*, and it’s all about finding out who you have something in common with—and doing it FAST!”

First, I need a few brave volunteers... I need 3 to 5 of you up here.

(Pre/Pick them or let the crowd cheer for who should go up. High energy!)

Alright, here’s how it works: I’m going to call out a random prompt, like ‘Find someone who’s got the same favorite snack as you.’



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You'll jump off the stage, race into the crowd, find who matches that prompt, and bring them back up here. First person back with a REAL match gets a point. We'll do a few rounds, and whoever has the most points at the end WINS.

Audience, you're in this too. You never know when someone's going to match with you, so be ready!

Are you all ready? Here comes the first prompt..."

GAME ADAPTATIONS

To Scale for Smaller Groups or Limited Space:

- Have contestants stand in a place and raise their hand when they find a match; that person then comes to the front or stage.
- Do the game in pairs from the start—each pair races to find another pair who matches the prompt.

To Scale for Larger Groups:

- Add more contestants, as much as time and your space would allow.
- Try team-based rounds—two teams competing relay-style, passing an object between turns.

PRO TIP

Clear the path: Make sure walkways from the stage to the audience are open and free of backpacks, chairs, or obstacles.

Safety first: Encourage fast walking over running if space is tight to avoid injuries.

Inclusion Matters: Choose a mix of outgoing and quieter students to keep everyone engaged. Encourage adult leaders to watch for anyone feeling left out.

Accessibility: Be mindful of students with mobility limitations. Pair them with someone so they can still participate meaningfully.