

Partner Match

Partners & Table Groups

10 minutes

Materials: Pairs of strips matching by length enough for one per person in the group

Introduce the Activity

Give each participant a strip of cardstock. Ask them to find their partner, the person whose strip is exactly as long as theirs.

More Matching & Measuring

When everyone has found their partner, ask partners introduce each other to the whole group.

Have participants return to their table groups. At tables, participants line up their strips by length.

Ask participants to share comparison statements about the lengths of their strips with the larger group. (*Chris's strip is longer than Tracy's and Taylor's, but it is shorter than Morgan's.*)

Concluding Activity

Ask participants what they have learned about measurement.

All measurement is comparison! In this case, participants were using direct comparison. (When using a measuring tool, you are comparing the tool to the object you are measuring.)

In Preparation:

- Prepare pairs of cardstock strips that are the same length, but differ in length from other pairs by enough to be easily noticeable when comparing. (1 cm or ½ in should be enough, without making all the differences immediately obvious.)
- Sentence strips work well for this activity, though any cardstock or construction paper would work.

Partner Match Emphasizes:

- Measurement is comparison.
- Measurement must be fair.
- Making direct comparisons.

Key Questions to Ask:

- *Was it possible to tell who was (or was NOT) your match just by looking?*
- *How were you sure you had the right match?*