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I Never...

This is a high-energy game, full of action and laughter, that will keep everyone on their toes.

In this mixer, you'll need to make sure there is one chair for each person and that there's plenty of room for moving around. Form a circle with the chairs, with one in the middle. Every person takes a chair, with one being in the center chair, or the "mush pot." The person in the mush pot begins by completing the sentence, "I have never..." with something he or she has never done, but something that someone else in the circle might have done. So for example, the person in the mush pot might say, "I have never been skydiving," or "I have never been to Australia."

As soon as the first person makes his or her statement, everyone in the circle who has had that experience must get up and find a new chair as quickly as possible. The last person standing has to take the chair in the mush pot. It's possible that no one will get up, in which case, the person in the middle takes another turn. Try to continue until everyone has had a chance to be in the mush pot.

The object of the game is to get to know interesting things about each other, and have a lot of fun doing it.

2

If You...

This game is a twist on the previous game, I Never.

Have everyone sit in a circle. You'll have one less chair than you have players, and the player without a chair must stand in the middle of the circle. Explain that you're going to read a series of statements that all begin with "If you..." When you say "go," everyone who has done what the statement describes must find a new place to sit, leaving a new person in the middle. This is one of those games that really doesn't have a winner, so you can play for as long as you have statements or questions. To add to the fun, include a few statements that you're sure to include everyone, so the entire circle must get up and move.

Here are a few to get you started:

- *If you have ever fallen asleep in church...*
- *If you have ever broken a bone...*
- *If you have ever spilled something in a restaurant...*
- *If you have ever slipped and fallen in a public place...*
- *If you have ever put your shoes on the wrong feet...*
- *If you like sausage on your pizza...*
- *If you know Psalm 23 by heart...*
- *If you have ever had a "bad hair day"...*
- *If you can remember your first grade teacher's name...*
- *If you talk to plants...*

3

Looking For...

Players must follow instructions to form groups as quickly as they can. Explain that you will be calling out categories, and in 20 seconds or less everyone must join with others who fit the same description.

To begin, have the whole group mill around, mixing randomly until you call out a category. After you call out a category, allow 20 seconds and call time. Then stop and see how people grouped themselves. Have everyone mill around the room again until you call a new category. Continue as time allows.

Use the following categories, or make up your own:

- *same hair color*
- *same birthday month*
- *same color shoes*
- *had the same thing for breakfast*
- *same color eyes*
- *same favorite food*
- *watched the same show on TV last night*
- *same favorite drink*
- *same favorite class subject*
- *live in the same color building or house*
- *same favorite ice cream flavor*

Option: You can also play this as an elimination game. Those who don't find at least one partner each round have to sit down until there are just one or two players left.