

ACTIVE LEARNING

MUSICAL EQUATIONS

Musical Equations is an upbeat learning break which enables students to revise their basic facts. Students need to dance and answer questions to make it through the game and win!

Players

Whole class or smaller groups

Equipment

Chairs
Music

How to Play

1. Arrange chairs in a circle, but facing outwards. Make sure there is a chair for all but one student.
2. Play the music. Have the students dance around the chairs.
3. When the music stops, each student needs to safely find a chair. Be sure to establish that any irresponsible or unsafe behaviour will result in elimination from the game.
4. The one student who remains standing needs to answer a basic facts question from the teacher. If they are incorrect, they are eliminated. If they are correct, they can eliminate one of their fellow peers. After each elimination, remove one chair to ensure that the number of chairs is one less than the number of students.



Variation

In order to keep the eliminated students engaged, they could ask a question (rather than the teacher asking the question). Spelling or other revision style questions could be used rather than mathematical equations. Students could choose to have a challenger, then whoever answers the question the quickest stays in the game.