

# ACTIVE LEARNING

## AROUND IN CIRCLES

Around in Circles is an upbeat activity that can be used to review anything from solving equations mentally to answering questions for an upcoming test. In this active game, students must correctly answer a question before a beanbag is passed around a circle.

### Players

Whole class

### Equipment

Soft ball or beanbag

### How to Play

1. Have the students stand in a circle.
2. Give one student in the circle a soft ball or beanbag, as well as a mental math fact or question to answer.
3. The students will pass the ball around the circle, trying to get it back to the first student before he or she is able to answer the question.
4. If the ball makes it back before the student has answered, or if they answer incorrectly, the student is out of the game. If they answer correctly before the ball has made its way around the circle, they remain in the game and get to choose the next starting player.

### Variation

This game can be used to practise or review any piece of content for any subject area. Specific ideas include:

- spelling words for an upcoming spelling test
- definitions of key words from a unit
- listing facts included in a fact family
- using a vocabulary word correctly in a sentence
- saying a given word in another language.

