

# REVERSE STORYBOOK CHARADES

This play activity takes two popular activities—reading and pretending—and combines them into a fun game for the classroom. It's not just a standard game of charades, though. It has a twist! Ready, set, action!

**STEP 1.** Write down book titles that your students should know. These can be books you've been studying or common picture books from their childhood. Try to select books that have several different characters and can be acted out by a group. Put all the suggestions in a bin.

**STEP 2.** Explain Reverse Charades to your students. Here's how it works. Instead of having just one person act something out, you have a team. So the team works together to act out a scene from a book, and after a minute, allows the rest of the class to guess.

**STEP 3.** Now that everyone knows how to play, gather your first group of four to five students. Have them draw a book suggestion out of the bin. Then let them go into the hallway or another area for a few minutes to discuss their strategy for acting it out. Remember this is charades—no talking!

**STEP 4.** Once they have a plan, the team has one minute to act out the book. Don't forget to set a timer. While they are acting it out, other students should write down their guesses.

**STEP 5.** After a minute, give the actors and actresses a hand, and then call on students to share their answers. Select a new set of students, and let the game continue!



## ACTIVITY #2:

**Benefit: Hone Communication Skills**

**Focus Skills: Storytelling, Inference**