

ATTENTION GETTERS

What are attention getters?

Attention getters are fun and effective ways to get a group to stop what they are doing and focus.

When should I use them?

You should use them whenever you need a group of students to listen.

- ❑ **Recess:** To share important rules and announcements, to pause a game or to calm students down before going back to class.
- ❑ **Classroom:** To bring the group back together, to share important instructions, or to make sure students are on task and engaged.
- ❑ **Any time you need the attention of a large group:** Teach the same attention getters to your whole school: start with call and response as it makes it easy to see who is not paying attention.

There are three basic attention getters:

Name of Attention Getter	Description	Tips and Tricks
Match Me	Leader does different actions and then the students mimic the actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Give them 3-5 commands ● Very effective for younger students ● The sillier the actions, the better ● Always end with calm actions
If you can hear my voice	Leader directs students to do different action. "If you can hear my voice, clap/jump/stomp/snap 2 times."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Give them 2-5 commands ● To see who is really listening, say one thing and do another
Call and response	Teacher says one things and students respond "When I say _____, you say _____"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Easiest to teach ● Get creative, think about movies your students might like ● Say the same phrase several times until you have everyone's attention

Want to see the attention getters in actions? Check out this [video](#)