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:

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| Match Me                | Leader does different actions and then the students mimic the actions | ● 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.” | ● 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 _____” | ● 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](#)