

Circle Time Stem Sentences

A stem sentence is a simple way of getting each member of the circle to reveal something about themselves. Each child in the circle repeats the stem in full and then completes it with their 'answer' to it. Stem sentences can be neutral, explore a particular topic or they can be used to probe into emotionally and socially sensitive areas.

Some examples:

Neutral:

- My favourite food is...
- My favourite animal is...
- My best day ever would be...
- If I could go on holiday anywhere I would go to...
- I like it when...

School:

- I like school when...
- My favourite lesson is...
- One thing about school I would change is...
- I like teachers who are...

Home:

- In my spare time I like to...
- If I could design my perfect bedroom it would have...
- If I had a magic wand I would change...

Emotional:

- Things that make me upset are...
- Sometimes I find it hard when people are...
- My worst fear is...

Social:

- I find it hard to understand why people...
- A friend is someone who...
- When I can't find my friends in the playground I...

