

Title: Thirty Circles Challenge

Goal:

Practice creative thinking to make it easier to adapt and find new solutions to challenges such as climate change.



Intro:

At this station, you'll explore your feelings around climate change by creating a picture frame that represents your emotions about climate change.

Resources:

Blank paper & coin for tracing circles or Thirty Circles Sheet
Markers or colored pencils
Timer (3 min)

Instructions:

Trace around a coin and make 30 circles on your sheet (5 rows of 6 circles) or use the provided Circle sheet. What can you think of when you look at the circles? Turn as many of the circles as possible into recognizable objects in 3 minutes (examples sun, tennis ball, smiley face)

SET 3 min TIMER say go!

Once your time is done, tally up your ideas -- First look at the quantity of ideas: How many circles did you fill? Ten, fifteen, twenty or more? (Most people don't finish.)

Next, look for **diversity** of ideas: What's the number of unique ideas or categories? For example, perhaps you have several balls (such as a basketball, a baseball, a volleyball) -- that's one category. If you have a planet, a cookie, and a face, that's three unique categories. Last, what **rules** did you or others follow? For example, did someone "break the rules" and combine circles to make something like a snowman or a traffic light? Did the instructions say anything about that kind of drawing?

Discussion:

How did it feel to create ideas? You counted your circles in different ways -- looking at quantity, diversity, rules. How does it feel to have multiple ways to count your success? You had a limited time. How did it feel to have that pressure? Some people feel there is a time pressure about climate action, how do you feel about that? Sometimes when people think about taking action on climate change, it's hard to think of ideas of what to do. In this game, you used your "imagination muscles" to come up with new ideas: How could you use your imagination to come up with ideas for climate action?

If you wanted to make your "imagination muscles" stronger, what might you need to grow inside yourself to do so?



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