

Access English Centre  
Immigrant Centre Manitoba  
*Family, Friends, Neighbours: Getting to Know Each Other*  
*Warm-up: "Line-up" Activity*  
*Multi-Level*  
15 minutes

**Facilitator Note:** This activity is aimed in creating a warm, informal class environment. It gives an opportunity for learners to practice asking questions using "Wh" questions such as "where, when, what, who, why, and how". (\*Age-sensitive-recommend to 30 years or younger groups)

**Warm-up:**

Materials: Facilitator needs: whiteboard & markers

**(optional) Activity Variation #3: pennies/dimes (for small classes of 7-12)**

5 min.

**Procedure:**

1. The facilitator explains the goal of this activity is for the learners to arrange themselves in a line-in order: from youngest to oldest by asking the following questions:

- Ø When is your birth date?
- Ø When is your birthday? (birth month?)
- Ø Which year were you born?
- Ø How old are you?

These questions can be prompted (explained) or brainstormed together. The facilitator can write the questions on the whiteboard.

10 min.

2. Demonstrate.

3. After the class has arranged themselves, the facilitator ask the class to say together, "How old are you?" or "When is your birth date?" to each person in line. Each person answers the question.

4. Afterwards, the facilitator can ask the learners various questions according to the information gathered by the learners.

Ex. Who is the oldest? How many people have birthdays in December? etc.

Question Variation: The facilitator can choose a learner to ask questions to the class.

- Variation #1: Instead of age as the topic. Have the class arrange themselves in alphabetically order by first name or last name.
- Variation #2: Arrange the class by the country they came from in alphabetically order. (ex. China, Eritrea, Ethiopia, etc.)
- Variation #3: (for classes of 7-12) Give each student a penny/dime and instruct them to arrange themselves in order by the year **that is found on the penny**. Ask questions about the pennies/dimes that they received (ex. Which year do you have? Were you born in that year? Is that year special to you?, etc.)

