

Ice Breaker: Would You Rather... Materials: None Grade Range: 6-8 Time: 15 Minutes ** Assigning students a number and/or listing the students in order in the group chat

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Synopsis: Students will answer a series of questions, explaining why they chose what they chose, thus allowing them to share a bit about themselves to their mentors and fellow classmates. This is a great way to connect, laugh, and practice being able to explain and defend your choice.

Instructions:

- 1. Introduce the game to the students by demonstrating it with a fellow mentor. Example: "Bob...would you rather eat snails for lunch every single day or be stuck without toilet paper when you need it?" Bob: "Well, Tom, I think I'd have to go with snails for lunch every day because being stuck without toilet paper when you need it is horrifying..." Or "Rachel, would you rather vacuum the entire house three times a day or do everyone's laundry every day?" Rachel: "I'd choose vacuuming because it's faster than doing laundry!"
- 2. Each mentor can take a turn asking up to 3 students a different question. Be sure to encourage the students to answer WHY they chose what they chose.
- 3. Continue asking questions for about 15 minutes or so, or until each student has gone (or really for as long as everyone is enjoying the game!)
- 4.mThere are questions below for your use!

Pen Pal Prompt: Write your own "Would You Rather Question..." to be answered by your student/mentor.



- 1. Would you rather be a detective or a pilot?
- 2. Would you rather go skiing or go to a water park?
- 3. Would you rather fly a kite or swing on a swing?
- 4. Would you rather dance or sing?
- 5. Would you rather play hide and seek or dodgeball?
- 6. Would you rather be incredibly funny or incredibly smart?
- 7. Would you rather become five years older or two years younger?
- 8. Would you rather have a full suit of armor or a horse?
- 9. Would you rather be a master at drawing or be an amazing singer?
- 10. Would you rather be a wizard or a superhero?
- 11. Would you rather sail a boat or ride in a hang glider?
- 12. Would you rather brush your teeth with soap or drink sour milk?
- 13. Would you rather be a famous inventor or a famous writer?
- 14. Would you rather do schoolwork as a group or by yourself?
- 15. Would you rather be able to do flips and backflips or break dance?
- 16. Would you rather see a firework display or a circus performance?
- 17. Would you rather it be warm and raining or cold and snowing today?
- 18. Would you rather be able to create a new holiday or create a new sport?
- 19. Would you rather only be able to walk on all fours or only be able to walk sideways like a crab?
- 20. Would you rather start a colony on another planet or be the leader of a small country on Earth?
- 21. Would you rather be able to see things that are very far away, like binoculars or be able to see things very close up, like a microscope?
- 22. Would you rather be an incredibly fast swimmer or an incredibly fast runner?
- 23. Would you rather own an old-timey pirate ship and crew or a private jet with a pilot and infinite fuel?
- 24. Would you rather be able to jump as far as a kangaroo or hold your breath as long as a whale?
- 25. Would you rather be able to type/text very fast or be able to read really quickly?
- 26. Would you rather randomly turn into a frog for a day once a month or randomly turn into a bird for a day once every week?
- 27. Would you rather have the chance to design a new toy or create a new TV show?
- 28. Would you rather be really good at math or really good at sports?
- 29. Would you rather be the author of a popular book or a musician in a band who released a popular album?
- 30. Would you rather live in a house shaped like a circle or a house shaped like a triangle?