



# REFLECTIONS

Reflections is something to play after students have gotten to know one another a bit, or at the end of the year. It builds a camaraderie and can be a really nice way to bring time together to a close.

## Steps:

Reflections is simple in concept.

Make a list of good compliments on the board. Have the compliments be things you could say about someone's personality, not how they look. Make sure the praise is focused on what people do and are.

Have students get into pairs. They look one another in the eye. One student goes first and gives the other three sincere compliments about who they are, not what they look like. They commend one another for being kind or funny, hardworking or generous, NOT pretty or having nice jeans. They can use the board to get ideas if they are stuck, but as they should know one another pretty well by now, they might have plenty to say on their own.

Then the second student goes and does the same- gives three compliments to the other.

Have the students find a new partner. This time, they will talk about two or three positive things they have seen their partner do this year. Did they help someone with their math work? Did they take someone who fell down to the nurse? Were they welcoming and kind to the new student?

Keep having students find new partners, alternating between compliments and observations. Keep them going as long as it's positive and helping them to feel good and build good connections. It's a great way to end the year on a high note.

