**Beach Ball**

**Space Requirements:** Anywhere

**Equipment Requirements**: Beach Ball, labels or marker to set it up

**Group Size**: Any size

**Alternative:** This can be used in any dead space of class, a “pick me up” from a lull in the group, ice breaker, and a way to bring in a new person joining the group.

**Accessibility:** Accommodations for catching the ball is ok - have the student the ball is meant to go to pick a finger, and then have a helper catch the ball and ask the person the question that is closest to the helper’s finger they chose. Or have the student ask for an accommodation reading their question it helps them practice asking for accommodations as well. Remember you might have to assist them in reading what is written on the ball. You can even have them say who they are going to pass the ball to next so it does not startle anyone unexpectantly.

\*Remember to let the student ask for the accommodations. You can ask if they would like assistance and throw out the suggestions of how it can be used, but don’t assign an accommodation or a helper!

**Program Goals**:

1. Increase awareness of each other
2. To increase participant comfort in asking for an accommodation

**Program Description**:

**Preparation:** Blow up beach ball and add any number of ice breaker questions using labels or a marker to write it on. You may use the example questions below, or add your own.

**Instructions**:

Have the students pick a finger that they are going to pick the question with. (don’t let them pick anything else with it ☺) Then throw the ball to them. Whichever question the finger that they picked is closest to is the question they have to answer.

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| If you were stranded on a deserted island, what are 3 things you would bring with you? |  | What was your dream growing up?  What was the last book you read? |  | What Talent do you wish you had?  What is one weird fact about you? |
| Are Clowns Cute or Creepy?  Do You Have/Want to have kids? How Many? |  | Do you play an instrument? What? Or What would you like to play?  How old are you? |  | Do you have Siblings? How Many?  If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be? |
| What is your favorite ice cream?  What is the worst movie ever? |  | Can you speak another language?  How do you vent your anger? |  | What is your biggest fear?  If you had one super power, what would it be? |
| What is your favorite drink?  What is your favorite Number? Why  If you moved to Sesame Street, who would you want as your neighbor? |  | What is your favorite Holiday? Why  What month were you born? |  | Do you have any tattoos piercings? Where? (Or where do you want one)  If you were a crayon, what color would you be, Why? |
| What is your favorite movie?  What cartoon character or cereal box character would you be? |  | What is the kindest act you have ever done?  Team Jacob or Team Edward? |  | If you could have any job in the world, what would it be?  What did you consider the most valuable thing you owned as a kid? |
| What is your favorite way to waste time without getting caught?  If there was a movie about your life, who would play you? |  | What was your least favorite subject in school?  What is the weirdest food you have ever eaten? |  | What is your favorite childhood memory?  When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up? |
| Which of the seven dwarfs best describes you?  Have you ever dyed your hair? What color?  What book/tv character are you most like, why?  What is your middle name? |  | What do you think the most ultimate gift of the world is?  What CD/Song is in your stereo/ ipod right now?  What would the title of your Autobiography be? |  | If you could spend 15 minutes with anyone dead or alive, who? Why?  Have you ever had a recurring dream? What is it?  Name a song you know all the words to.  Night person or day person? |
| Based on something you have really done, how would you get in the book of world records?  What Sci-fi character would you be? ( Lord of the Rings, Star wars, Star Trek, etc.) |  | What’s the first thing you think of when you wake up in the morning?  If you could rid the world of one thing, what would it be? |  | When was the last time you did something for the first time? What was it?  Do you believe in ghosts? |
| What is your favorite weird food combination?  What was your favorite thing to do as a kid? |  | If you were a smurf, what would your name be?  What was the first concert you attended? |  | What was the last movie you watched in the theatre?  If you were a candy bar, which one would you be, Why? |
| What is your favorite line from a movie?  What is your worst habit/vice? |  | If you won $500,000 today, what would you do with it?  What’s your favorite thing to do in your spare time? |  | How would you explain yourself in one word?  What is your favorite TV show? |
| If you could time travel, where would you go, and what would you do.  Where were you born?  What was one time that you advocated (stood up) for yourself or someone else? |  | What is your goal for this year?  What is your nickname?  Would you rather live in Twilight or Harry Potter world? |  | What is your biggest pet peeve?  What is your favorite movie?  What’s your favorite sport?  Who is your hero?  What is a talent that you have? |
| What is the most embarrassing thing that happened to you?  What is the best thing that happened to you this week?  What do you like most about yourself? |  | What is the worlds best invention?  On Saturdays I like too…………  What are you going to be for Halloween? |  | What is your Favorite Food?  Do you have any pets- what?  Whats the funniest thing to happen to you all week? |