

## Fair Share or Don't Dare?

### The Big Idea

While we often encourage students to share, there are some things that can make us sick if we share them. This sorting game helps students identify what's "Fair Share" from what's "Don't Dare."

**Education Standards:** (NHES) Health: 1.2.1, 5.2.1, 7.2.2; (CCSS) English Language Arts: L.K.5; (CCSS) Mathematics: K.MD.b.3

### GOALS AND SKILLS

#### Students will...

- Explain the risks of sharing certain items with others
- Explain what to do to protect themselves from shared germs
- Sort and classify information into categories

#### Supplies and Preparation:

- Red and green crayons, markers, or pens
- Make copies of the **Fair Share or Don't Dare** handout or display on an overhead/projector (see page 3)
- If desired, some extra props for Steps 2 and 4, such as dolls, a spoon, or straw

### INSTRUCTION STEPS

**1. Explain.** What are germs? Explain to students what they are, where they live, and how small they are.

- Germs are tiny living things called bacteria or microorganisms that are all around us all the time
- Germs can live on things we touch, even though they are so tiny we can't see them

**2. Discuss.** Talk to children about how germs spread. Demonstrate each point using props and by modeling.

Explain that sneezing and coughing can spread germs. If they cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze, they won't spread germs in the air.

Germs can also move from person to person. So it's important to always wash hands before eating, and after going to the bathroom.

It's also important to never share things that touch their mouth, nose, or eyes.

**3. Fair Share or Don't Dare.** Distribute the student handout. (Or, project one copy and let everyone discuss together.) First, ask students to identify each object. Then, have them think about the items that touch their mouth, nose, or eyes.

Next, have students evaluate what items are "Fair Share" – or items that they can share without spreading germs. Ask students to put a green circle around those items.

Have students think about what not to share, or "Don't Dare." Ask students to mark a red X through those items.



Before discussing everyone's choices, have students do a Think-Pair-Share. Have students talk with partners about what to share and what not to share and why.

**4. Discuss and Reflect.** As a final exercise, have students count the items they marked "Fair Share." Then count the items they marked with an X. Have them share their numbers. How many did others choose?

Invite students to share what they marked. Discuss why each item is "Fair Share" or "Don't Dare."

**5. Extend the Lesson.** Repeat the "Fair Share or Don't Dare" activity with items in your classroom. Look around the class and sort items into "Fair Share" or "Don't Dare." Consider bringing in props such as gum, a straw, or a spoon.

**6. Home Connection.** Suggest students try this game at home with their parents and siblings using items around the house.

### STUDENT HANDOUT: Fair Share or Don't Dare

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Put a green circle around things that are **Fair Share**.

Put a red **X** through things that you **Don't Dare** to share.

