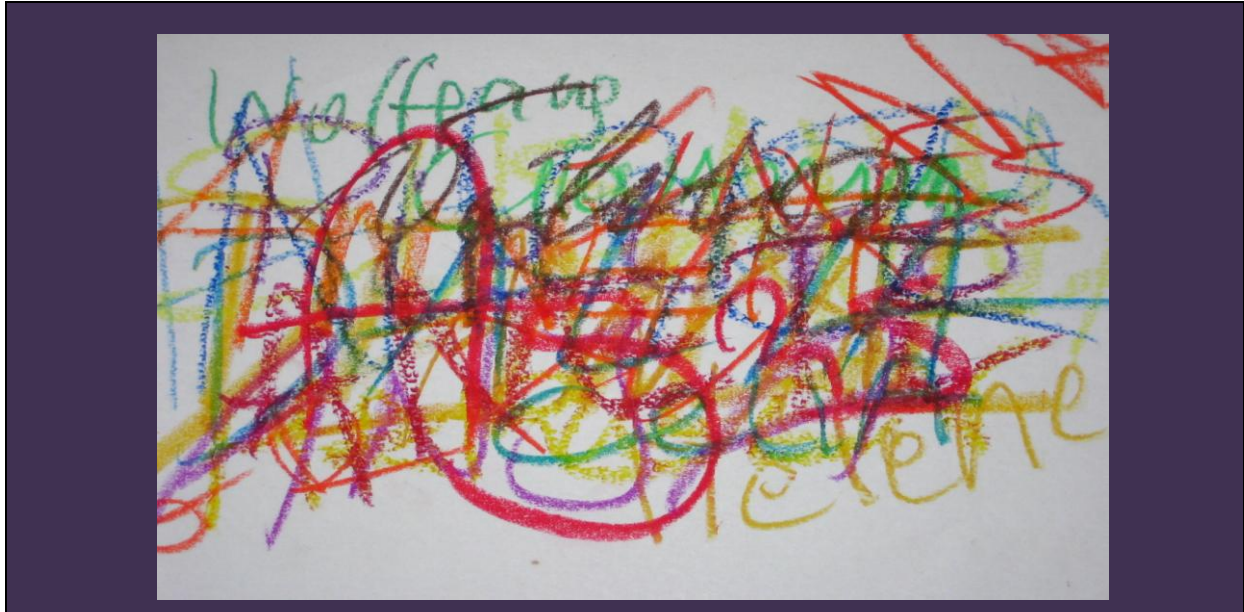# COLLECTION OF NAMES

Brief Description

This simple but interesting activity can be carried out at any time: the first day of class, after a few days or whenever it is considered necessary. It consists of writing the names of all learners who make up the group on a sheet of paper.

The goal is to make students aware of the fact that they belong to a group. The **proper functioning** of the group has, unquestionably, a **positive effect on learning:**

They help each other to learn, to share ideas and resources, to plan and carry out tasks.

They overcome shyness and self-consciousness, and thus improve their self-esteem.

They increase their commitment and responsibility.

They respect different opinions and share knowledge.

They are motivated to attend classes and interact, they are more sociable.

They solve problems together.

They exploit opportunities or alternatives creatively.

They enjoy learning.

In short, students learn more and better, and feel more satisfied, when the group is united and there is a good working environment.

Materials

White sheet of papers and coloured pencils.

Steps

- Give a sheet of paper and a pencil of a different colour to each learner.
- Tell them to write their names and pass the sheet to the partner on the right. This action is repeated until all the names of the people in the group are written in each sheet of paper.
- When they finish the teacher asks them what they see on the paper and let them discuss about it. After listening to their comments, the teacher concludes saying the following:

The picture or drawing shows the way we wrote our name, reflecting the personality and identity of each one, but it also displays all the names together forming something beautiful, like a painting of abstract art.

We make up a group, where each personality and identity is respected, and to which we will bring the best of ourselves, so that we can together get the goal we want, in this case, the learning of a foreign language in a satisfactory manner for all.