

Pass the Pestalozzi Parcel

Foundation House / Elementary
(Classes 5-7)



Revise (A Pestalozzi Approach)

Instructions to participants:

NB: Two facilitator or supervisors are required for this activity).

The facilitator divides the participants into two groups. The two groups go into different rooms.

Step 1: Making the Pass the Pestalozzi Parcel

Each group is given ten sheets of paper and a marker pen.

Members of each group brainstorm questions about Pestalozzi they would like to write on the sheets of newspaper, (making sure that they know the answers to the questions) and write one question on each sheet of paper.

The facilitator writes 'What would Pestalozzi want you to do with this bag of sweets?' on the bag of sweets (NB: The bag of sweets and this question should not be shown to any of the participants). The participant then wraps it in the first layer of paper, on which a participant has written a question, with the question on the outside.

The group then wraps the rest of the layers round the parcel, either taping or tying each layer securely and making sure that each question is clearly visible on the outside of each layer of the parcel.

Step 2: Playing Pass the Pestalozzi Parcel

The two groups of participants exchange parcels and stay in their separate rooms.

The participants sit in a circle. Music is played and the students hand the parcel round the circle. When the music stops, the student who is holding the parcel unwraps a layer of paper, reads out the question on the next layer and answers it. If the participant is unable to answer the question, others may do so. The music is played again and the parcel is handed round the circle. The game continues until the bag of sweets is unwrapped. The participants answer the question on the bag of sweets ('What would Pestalozzi want you to do with this bag of sweets?') with 'Share it'. The participants share the bag of sweets.

Materials Needed

- Newspaper (20 sheets), string/ Sellotape
- Two pairs of scissors
- Two marker pens
- Two pieces of music and two music playing systems
- Two bags of sweets

