

# The Name Card Game

Prep Time: 10 min / 30 min

**Aim:** To help students differentiate sounds and recognize Pinyin spellings  
**Level:** Elementary  
**Time:** 5-10 minutes  
**Materials:** A set of name cards for each pair of students  
**Arrangement:** Pairs of students compete

## Description

A game of grabbing name cards when the teacher answers the question, “**Nín guìxìng?**”

## In Class

- 1 Divide students into pairs. They need to be seated (or standing) in such a way that each has a clear view of the name cards and can reach them equally fast.
- 2 Each student is given a set of name cards
- 3 Either one student or the whole class asks the teacher, “**Nín guìxìng?**”
- 4 The teacher responds with a family name that is on the name cards in front of the students.
- 5 The students try to be the first to grab the correct name card.
- 6 Play continues until all but one of the name cards has been grabbed.

## Variations

- ✓ A student could respond to the questions.
- ✓ The question could be the less formal, “**Nǐ jiào shénme míngzi?**” and the answer would include full names instead of just family names. You could design name cards where given names were also similar, rather than just family names.



Xiāo Qiáng

Shào Lízǐ

Zhū Dé

Zhōu Péiyuán

Lí Yuánhóng

Lǐ Fèigān

Zhào Běnskān

Lǚ Shūxiāng

Xǔ Wěi

Xú Zhì mó