

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY - A WELCOMING CLASSROOM

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Group activity: A “Welcoming Classroom”

Have students discuss and record their ideas for a “welcoming classroom”. Then ask them to use the “Student Relationships in the Classroom” handout to develop more ideas.

Ask students to use the “Y” Chart to describe what an unhappy and happy classroom would look like.

Discuss group ideas in class.

Then have each student write one practical thing they could do to help develop a “happy classroom”.

| UNHAPPY CLASSROOM Y-CHART LOOKS, SOUNDS, FEELS LIKE: | HAPPY CLASSROOM Y-CHART LOOKS, SOUNDS, FEELS LIKE: | |
|---|---|--|
| Loud, shouting, hitting | Laughing, smiling, productive | |
| Telling lies, teasing, excluding | Helping, persisting | |
| Dominant, pressuring | Accepting, understanding | |