

# ESU TEACHING RESOURCE



## IF I RULED THE WORLD...

### OVERVIEW

A fast and fun warm-up exercise giving everyone a chance to speak up and express themselves. Perfect as a lead-in to any oracy exercises.



### OBJECTIVES

- Introduce students to basic reasoning - reasons are answers to the question “Why?”, that often begin “because...”
- To feel comfortable making arguments and speaking in front of each other

### TASK

Ask students to form a circle. The facilitator should be part of the circle.

The facilitator should explain the game, using themselves as the example: in turns, each student will give a statement that starts, “If I ruled the world...” The next student in the circle will ask, “Why?” And the first student should respond with a reason, “because...”

*E.g. Facilitator says “If I ruled the world, I would give everyone a piece of cake every day.”*

*Student to their left says, “Why?”*

*Facilitator responds, “Because cake makes people happy, and I think it’s great if everyone has a chance to eat cake and be happy.”*

The game should proceed around the circle. The seriousness of suggestions can be influenced by the example chosen by the facilitator.

