

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS TEEN TATERS - PART I

Give each student a potato. Instruct the students to get to know their potatoes by studying the characteristics and the appearance of their potatoes, and examining them carefully. Have the students introduce their potatoes to two other people and show them the characteristics that make their potatoes unique and different from other potatoes.

Gather all of the potatoes back into a large container. Then ask the students to come to the front and retrieve their particular potato from the container. If a student can't find his/her potato, have him/her ask the two people he/she introduced to their potato if they can recognize it.

When all the students have had a try, collect all of the potatoes again. Compare the potatoes to individual personalities. Discuss with the students that when all the potatoes were in the bag, they looked the same, but after the students got to know them, each potato appeared to be different and unique.

Finish this activity by introducing various types of "Teen Taters" as listed on the following page, using overhead transparencies of pages I-A-93 through I-A-108.



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TEEN TATERS - PART II

Start with this rhyme:

"I've dug up some taters, if you can endure a few,
I'd like to introduce some "Teen Taters" to you.
Now listen in case you might see some traits of your friends,
Or, it might bring into focus--the true YOU."

- Medi-tater:** A very wise tater--enjoys quiet times and uses them to good advantage for thinking things through and being prepared.
- Spec-tater:** Just sits and watches and doesn't get involved; is really hard to move or motivate.
- Commen-tater:** This tater has a comment about everything and everybody! Generally the comments are sarcastic and cutting. Watch out for this tater--it needs attention at all costs!
- Ampli-tater:** This loud-voiced tater can't wait to bring you the updates of all the news and latest gossip--be it good or bad! You never know what this tater might say about you, too!
- Anticipa-tater:** Anticipates good things happening to them in life! Looks forward to coming events and supports everything--has a good attitude.
- Participa-tater:** This tater is the most valuable because it gets involved in positive things and is self-motivated.
- Motivi-tater:** Gets everyone excited about doing something and helps find ways to do it! A self-starter and leader!
- Ampu-tater:** Cuts people off in conversation and excludes others from a group. Consequently, cuts down other's self-esteem.
- Couch-tater:** Sits and watches life go by; accomplishes little; wonders why things don't get done.
- Tater-tot:** Someone who whines and acts immature for their age; needs to have their way all of the time.
- Facili-tater:** Wouldn't want to do without this one! This tater makes things happen and keeps excitement for a project going. Facilitators never give up--they just keep on going and going.
- Resusi-tater:** Is there to bring you back to life after a fall! Enjoys helping others and exhibits a greater level of maturity.
- Regurgi-tater:** Repeats or copies what everyone else says or does; doesn't think for themselves. Is boring to be around.
- Hot-po-tater:** Has to be the hottest number in town and the center of attention.
- Later-tater:** Procrastinates doing everything to the last minute; hopes that by putting it off it will go away. Causes lots of stress.
- Irri-tater:** Gets its kicks by saying and doing things just to irritate people; is annoying to be around.