

HOW TO

Remember Names

- 1** Assign several short written assignments in the first week; practice names ("*There you go, Sasha.*") as you return papers.
- 2** Take photos of students wearing nametags. Review the photos before class. Attach student photos to interest inventories so that you can relate faces with experiences and affinities.
- 3** Identify a unique physical feature and then think of a funny sentence involving that feature and the student's name:
Tim has a tiny tooth.
- 4** Create rhymes to aid your auditory and visual memory:
Fred eats monkey bread.
- 5** Prioritize talking to a different group of five students every day for the first few weeks of school. Use their names frequently during your conversation.
- 6** Greet students by name as they enter the classroom. Ask for help from students whose names you cannot recall.
- 7** When students tell you their names, say it back to them and confirm the pronunciation.