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| Communicate and Connect |  |

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|  | **intent:** Allow participants to share their personal experiences and learn from one another.  |
|  | **OUTCOMES:** Participants will meet each other and begin thinking about language use and conventions and grammar. |
|  | **Materials Required:** * PPT slide
* Other participants

* Different sized string pieces placed on tabletops (1 per participant)

  **TIME**: 10 minutes |
| MPj04384510000[1] | **Process:** * Invite participants to do the following:
	+ Choose a string.
	+ Partner with someone who has a similarly sized string.
	+ Introduce yourself to your partner while discussing a few of the following questions:
		- What interests you about language?
		- What language/s do you speak?
		- What is your favorite story about children learning language?
* Tell participants that their current partner will be their language partner for the day.
* Advance to the Communicate and Connect—Part 2 slide.
* Have partners tie their strings together; then have them team up with another partner pair with a similarly sized combined string.
* Ask participants to share what they have learned about their language partner with the partner pair they have teamed up with.
* Have partner pair teams connect their strings and hang them at the front of the room.
* Ask participants to return to their seats.
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