

pookie? boogers? Mr. Sunshine? What's in a Nickname Game?

Here's a fun game to play when meeting new people or getting to know your friends better.

- 1 Pass out a small piece of paper and pen to each person in the group.
- 2 Ask everyone to write down a nickname they've been called at some point in their lives. Make sure that no one in the room knows about this nickname.
- 3 Place the pieces of paper in a bag and toss.
- 4 Once the nicknames are collected, the person holding the bag [the Chooser] will draw a nickname from the bag and will read it aloud. The Chooser will then make two guesses as to the owner of the nickname. With each guess, the Chooser will give reasons why the nickname suits his/her guess.
- 5 After the Chooser makes his/her two guesses and explains his/her reasoning, the real owner of the nickname will reveal himself/herself and tell everyone how he/she got the nickname.
- 6 The owner of the nickname becomes the next Chooser and the game continues until everyone's nickname is revealed.

"the Lump wasn't the caveman. He was. He shrugged his left shoulder. it was better than barf bag. " –Louis Sachar, *Holes*

Draw a line to match the correct D-Tent boy to his real name.

Caveman	Hector
Magnet	Stanley
Zero	Ricky
Zigzag	Theodore
X-Ray	Rex
Armpit	Jose

If you were a D-Tent character what would be your nickname? _____

Explain how you came up with this nickname:



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