

*Assessment Activities*  
*Based on a Nasreddin Story*

Once Nasreddin was invited to make a speech that he didn't really want to. When he reached the pulpit, he asked, "Do you know what I will be talking about?"

The people replied, "No."

So he said, "I don't want to speak to people who don't know what I am talking about."

And so he left.

The people were confused and called him back the next day. Again the Hodja asked, “Do you know what I will be talking about?”

The people replied, “Yes.”

So he said, “I don’t want to speak to people who know what I am talking about.”

Now the people were really confused. They decided to call him back one more time. Again the Hodja asked, “Do you know what I will be talking about?”

Now the people were prepared and so half of them answered, “Yes,” and the other half answered, “No.”

So Nasreddin said, “The half who know what I will be talking about should tell it to the other half.”

And so the Hodja left and never came back.

# Factual Tasks

- Did Nasreddin want to make the speech?
- How did the people feel when they heard that Nasreddin didn't want to speak to them?
- What did the Hodja do at the end of the story?

# Inferential Tasks

- Why did the people invite Nasreddin to make the speech?
- Did the people understand what Nasreddin would be talking about?
- If not, why did they answer “Yes” when he asked them if they knew what he would be talking about?

# Experiential Tasks

Answer one of the following questions:

Write down your favorite Nasreddin story.  
Then explain why it is your favorite.

Have you ever tricked someone so that you didn't have to do something that (s)he wanted you to do? If so, describe what you did.