# Mystery Hangouts

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## What is a Mystery Hangout?

- Two classrooms connecting via a Google Hangout video chat
- Game: 20 yes/no questions
- Guess the other classroom’s _________

## Why do Mystery Hangouts?

- Foster communication and collaboration
- Take learning outside your classroom walls
- Highly engaging
- Real world connection → Makes learning more relevant
- Develop language in authentic way

## What does a Mystery Hangout look like?

- Determine what to guess before the Mystery Hangout:
  - number, state, country
  - 30-45 minutes
  - All students participating → true collaboration
  - Teach etiquette

## Student Roles

Choose what works best with your students!

- Greeters
- Questioners
- Recorders
- Runner/s
- Mappers (ALL students)
- Photographers and/or Videographers
| What resources can students use? | ● Atlas or any other physical maps  
| | ● Paper map to cross out guesses  
| | ● List of possible questions  
| | ● On devices:  
| | ○ Google Maps  
| | ○ Interactive map: bit.ly/mapusa  
| | Experience a Mystery Hangout |  
| | How do I get started? | Start with who you know!  
| | | Google Plus Community: “Mystery Hangout”  
| | | Twitter  
| | | ● #MysteryHangout #MysteryHangouts  
| | | ● #MysterySkype if you decide to use Skype as your tool  
| | How do I connect with others? |  
| | | What else do I need to know? |  
| | | Commit to a Mystery Hangout! | Name of connection:  
| | | Grade level:  
| | | Contact information:  
| | | Date & time of Mystery Hangout:  
| | | Focus of Mystery Hangout:  

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