A random name picker with no repeats: everyone once, then a new round

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A free random name picker with no repeats: names are drawn like cards until everyone has had a turn, or faded on a wheel. The list stays in your browser.

Peabody Teach's free random name picker never repeats a name until everyone has been picked: each name is a card, each draw takes a card from the ones left, and the deck only refills when you press Reset. If you'd rather spin, the wheel does the same with Fade the winner, which greys out each winner until a new round. Both run in your browser, the class list stays on your computer, and there is no account. Peabody is free through the end of 2026.

Here is how each one keeps turns fair, and the one difference that decides which to use.

The picker: a deck of cards

Paste your names, one a line, and the picker deals them like cards.

- No repeats until the deck is empty. A draw only takes from the names not yet drawn. The chip at the top counts "12 of 25 left", and the names already picked line up underneath, oldest first.
- One to four at a time. Pick how many at a time for pairs, partners or a team of four. Every name in one draw is different, and none of them can come up again this round.
- Three looks. Everyone once shows the deck face down, and you can tap any card to draw. One at a time puts the name in huge type with confetti, for a projector. Gumball machine shows the names left as gumballs with their letters on them; turn the crank and the drawn one rolls out.
- When the deck is empty, the picker says everyone has had a turn. Press Reset and shuffle (or R) to start again.

Each draw uses your browser's secure random generator, with a check that keeps every name left exactly as likely as the others.

The wheel: fade the winner

The wheel holds a slice for every name. With Fade the winner, which is where the main wheel starts, each winner's slice turns pale with a tick and can't win again until you press New round. The wheel keeps its shape, so the class can see who's left, and a bar under it counts how many have had a turn.

The wheel has two other modes: Remove the winner takes the slice off (Put everyone back restores them), and Keep everyone in allows repeats, for picking a brain break rather than a

person. Undo gives the last winner their chance back, for the time a name comes up for someone who has just stepped out.

The winner is drawn by the same secure random generator before the wheel moves. A hard flick or a soft one changes the show, never the result, and "Is it fair? Spin it 1,000 times" shows the counts.

The one difference: does it remember?

- Remembers the list in this browser · Picker: Yes · Wheel with Fade the winner: Yes
- Remembers who has had a turn after you close the page · Picker: No: the deck starts fresh · Wheel with Fade the winner: Yes, until New round
- Skip someone who is away today · Picker: Take them off the list · Wheel with Fade the winner: "Who's away today?": skipped until midnight
- Pick several at once · Picker: 1 to 4 · Wheel with Fade the winner: One a spin
- Most names · Picker: 300 · Wheel with Fade the winner: 1,000

So for turns inside one lesson, either works. For turns that last all week, such as who reads the morning message, use the wheel: its faded slices are still faded tomorrow on the same computer. The picker forgets who was drawn when you close or reload the page, and changing the list also reshuffles the deck.

Absent students

On the wheel, open "Who's away today?" and tap a name. That slice is hatched and skipped for today; at midnight it comes back on its own, and nobody is deleted. On the picker, the simplest move is to delete the line before you start drawing, then paste it back tomorrow.

Using no-repeat picks well

- Cold call without the groan. Students know every name comes up once, so nobody feels singled out, and everyone can see on the screen who has had a turn.
- Read the name aloud for early readers: tick it on either tool, where the browser can speak, and the picked name is said as well as shown.
- Pairs for a review game: set Pick how many at a time to 2 and draw until the deck is empty.

For groups of a set size from a whole list at once, the random group maker is quicker.

Your list stays in your browser

The names are saved in this browser only, so they are there tomorrow on the same computer, and nothing is sent to Peabody or anyone else. Use first names or initials if you prefer. A copied link carries the list inside it, so share links for lists of jobs or topics rather than your class. The name picker from a list post covers pasting and keeping a list. When the turns are

done, Peabody's free stories make a good read-aloud.

Questions

Is there a random name picker with no repeats?

Yes. Peabody Teach's name picker draws names like cards, so nobody comes up twice until everyone has. It is free through the end of 2026, needs no account, and keeps the list in your browser.

How do I make a wheel of names not repeat?

On Peabody's wheel, choose Fade the winner. Each winner turns pale and can't win again until you press New round, and the turns are remembered in your browser between lessons.

Is a random name picker really random?

Peabody's picker and wheel both use the browser's secure random generator, with a check so that every name left is equally likely. The wheel's 1,000-spin button lets your class see the counts for themselves.

Free at peabody.kids/blog/random-name-picker-no-repeats