When working with young children it is easy to be part of the group and to prompt them to pay attention to social cues but with older children it becomes more difficult to blend in with the group. In order to encourage kids to pay attention to social cues I give them “homework”: a list of questions for them to answer by observing their peers. You can also use this activity in group situations to build more understanding and social bonding.

Materials:

- Social Spy worksheet 😊

Target Skills:

- Observational skills
- Recognizing facial expressions and emotions
- Perspective taking
- Social skills

Instructions:

- Tell the child(ren) that it is their job to be a social spy in their next group activity. Have them fill out the worksheet and then discuss their findings.