**Crossword Connection**

This activity includes visual symbols of connection and self-introductions.

The teacher prints their name on the board leaving some space between each letter and tells the class something about him/herself. Then they pick a student to come to the board, tell something about themselves, and print their name crossing the teacher's as in a crossword puzzle. Students take turns telling something about themselves to the class and adding their names. Volunteers copy the completed puzzle as a poster. To save time, the puzzle could be written on paper taped to the board and left up in first draft form.

This activity can be extended by asking each student to write their name and a statement about themselves on a sheet of paper. The teacher can then use the statements as clues for a class-names crossword puzzle which can be made with crossword puzzle software.