

Rasulullah's (s) last days

Chinese Whispers/Telephone

1. Write a few messages down on paper, there should be least 10 words in each message, for example:
 - a) Sarah likes rubber duckies and sinking ships in wet rain puddles
 - b) Adam pats his head while rubbing his head in very cold weather
 - c) Sajjad sails solid ships through the seas beneath the trees
2. All the students should sit in a line or circle
3. Give the note with the message to the first person sitting in the line. He should whisper the message to the person sitting next to him, in his ear so nobody else hears it
4. Then he whispers it to the next person
5. Continue whispering the message until it gets to the end of the line to the last person
6. The last person should say the message aloud
7. Compare this with the message written on the note to see how accurate (or inaccurate) it is
8. You can repeat this game several times
9. You should notice that there are differences in the message that is first whispered compared to what is said aloud at the end of the line

Discussion Points:

1. The importance of having things written down. Rasulallah (s) asked for a pen and paper during his last days when he was sick but Umar b. al-khattab refused because he knew that if it is written down there will be no way he will be able to fight for the caliphate
2. When the ayahs of the Holy Quran were being revealed, Rasulallah (s) would tell his companions to scribe them
3. Many ahadith were written in the time of the Rasulallah (s) and the Imams but we should be cautious to trace them to the source to know how authentic they are and were written by trustworthy companions